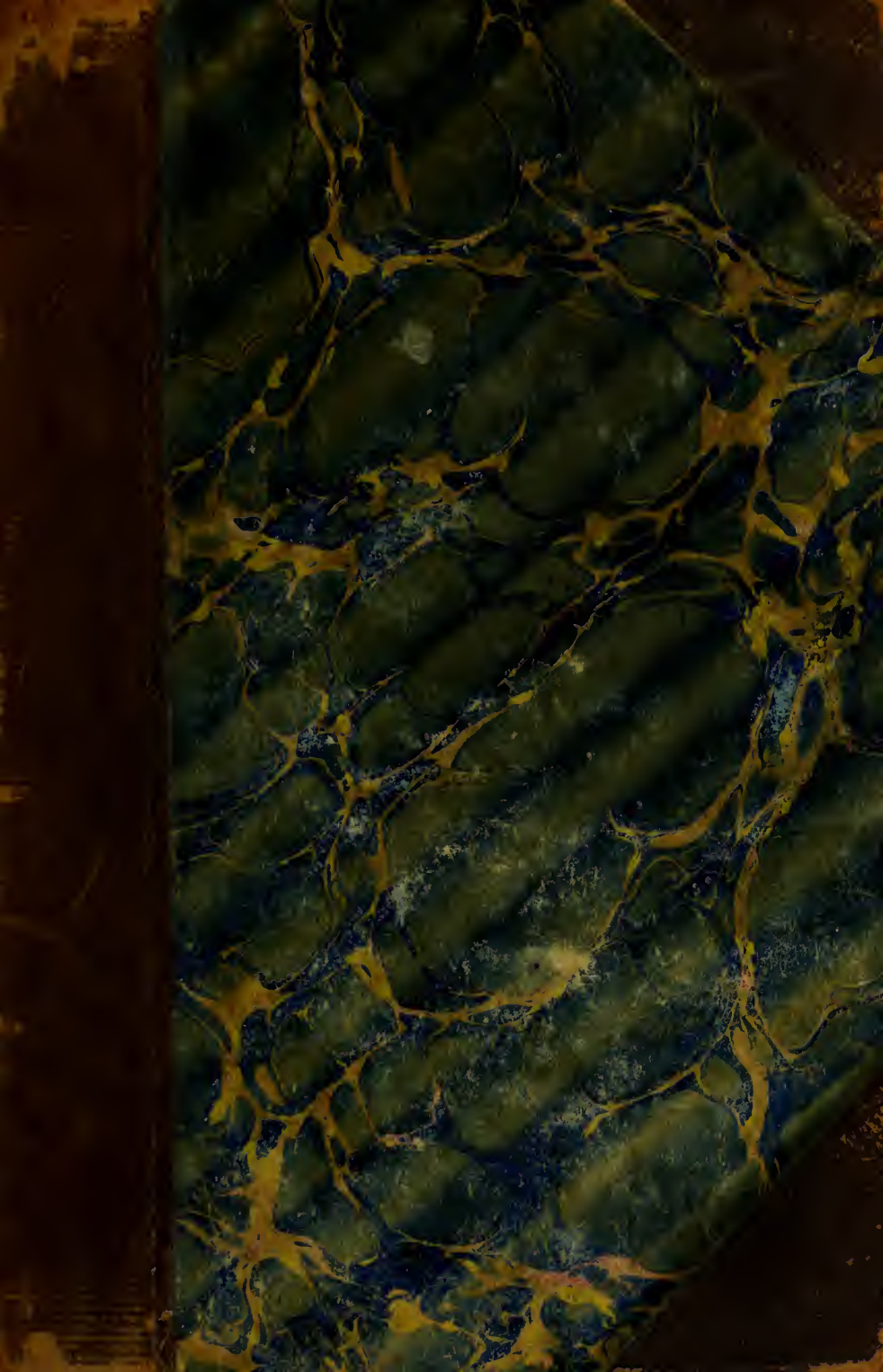




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PROCEEDINGS
—OF THE—
GRAND CHAPTER
—OF—
Royal Arch Masons
OF CANADA.
—AT ITS—

Thirty-third Annual Convocation,

—HELD IN THE—

Masonic Hall, City of
Kingston,



Friday, July 18th, A.D. 1890,
E. J. 2420, E. L. 5890.

ORDERED TO BE READ IN ALL CHAPTERS AND PRESERVED.

ADDRESS—J. J. MASON, HAMILTON, ONT., GRAND Z.

DAVID McLELLAN, HAMILTON, ONT., GRAND SCRIBE E.

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GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA.

PROCEEDINGS.

The Thirty-third Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada, held in the Masonic Hall, City of Kingston, on Friday, the 18th day of July, A. D. 1890, A. I. 2420.

PRESENT :

M. E. Comp. R. B. Hungerford.....	Grand Z	Grand Council on The Throne.
R. E. Comp. J. J. Mason.....	Grand H	
R. E. Comp. J. E. Harding.....	Grand J	
R. E. Comp. David McLellan.....	Grand Scribe E	
R. E. Comp. E. T. Malone.....	Grand Scribe N	
R. E. Comp. J. W. Wallace.....	Grand Principal Soj.	
R. E. Comp. Otto Klotz as.....	Grand Treasurer	
R. E. Comp. G. G. Rowe.....	Grand Registrar	
V. E. Comp. Chas. F. Mansell.....	Grand 1st Asst. Soj.	
V. E. Comp. Fred. F. Manley.....	Grand 2nd Asst Soj.	
E. Comp. J. A. Campbell as.....	Grand Sword Bearer	
V. E. Comp. John Hewton.....	Grand M. of Veils	
E. Comp. J. G. G. Rousseau as.....	Grand Stand Bearer	
E. Comp. Walter Paterson as.....	Grand Dir. of Cer.	
V. E. Comp. Jas. A. Frazer as.....	Grand Organist	
V. E. Comp. Geo. F. Counter.....	Grand Pursuivant	
V. E. Comp. J. W. Hickson.....	Grand Steward	
E. Comp. N. W. Ford as.....	Grand Steward	
E. Comp. W. F. Miller as.....	Grand Steward	
E. Comp. Jas. Aylsworth as.....	Grand Steward	
Comp. E. H. Ball.....	Grand Janitor	

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS.

R. E. Comp. Thomas McGregor.....	St. Clair	District No.	1
R. E. Comp. A. B. Munson.....	London	" "	2
R. E. Comp. M. Walsh.....	Wilson	" "	3
R. E. Comp. J. A. Nelles.....	Wellington	" "	4
R. E. Comp. I. Baker.....	Huron	" "	6
R. E. Comp. John Hetherington.....	Toronto	" "	8
R. E. Comp. R. McCaw.....	Ontario	" "	9
R. E. Comp. David Taylor.....	Central	" "	11

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

FROM GRAND CHAPTER OF

M. E. Comp. L. H. Henderson.....	Colorado
M. E. Comp. Daniel Spry.....	New Jersey
M. E. Comp. Daniel Spry.....	Quebec
M. E. Comp. Dcnaid Ross.....	Connecticut
M. E. Comp. Thomas Sargent.....	Kentucky
M. E. Comp. Henry Robertson.....	District of Columbia
M. E. Comp. Henry Robertson.....	Mississippi
M. E. Comp. Henry Robertson.....	New York
M. E. Comp. R. B. Hungerford.....	Dakota
R. E. Comp. David McLellan.....	Georgia
R. E. Comp. George J. Bennett.....	Iowa
R. E. Comp. John A. Wills.....	Maine
R. E. Comp. John Ross Robertson.....	Nebraska
R. E. Comp. John S. Dewar.....	New Hampshire
R. E. Comp. J. J. Mason.....	Nevada
R. E. Comp. J. B. Traves.....	Rhode Island
R. E. Comp. Wm. Gibson.....	Tennessee
R. E. Comp. J. B. Nixon.....	Vermont
R. E. Comp. Alex. Patterson.....	Virginia
E. Comp. R. L. Patterson.....	Maryland

A constitutional number of Chapters being represented by their qualified officers the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada was opened in Ample Form at 10.15 a.m.

R. E. Comp. E. T. Malone from the committee on credentials of representatives reported that there are 81 warranted Chapters and 2 U. D. on the roll of Grand Chapter, of which number 59 were represented by the following companions:

- No. 1* *Ancient Frontenac and Cataragui, Kingston.*
E Comp. Jas. Adams; H. R. T. Walkem; A. Shaw; F. W. Rowlands; H. J. Wilkinson; Samuel Agrove; Wm. Waddington; Richard Brunt; and V. E. Comp. John Hewton, P. Z's.
- No. 2.* *The Hiram, Hamilton.*
R. E. Comp. C. W. Mulligan, Proxy; and Otto Klotz, P. Z's.
- No. 3.* *St. John's, London.*
Ex. Comp. A. E. Cooper; R. E. Comp. John S. Dewar, P. Z's.
- No. 4.* *St. Andrew and St. John, Toronto.*
Ex. Comp. Thomas Hills, P.Z.
- No. 5.* *St. George's, London.*
R. E. Comps. E. Burke, A. B. Munson and M. E. Comp. R. B. Hungerford, P.Z's.
- No. 6.* *St. John's, Hamilton.*
Ex. Comp. W. F. Miller, Z; John Moodie, H; R. E. Comps. John Malloy, Wm. G. Reid, Wm. Gibson, David McLellan, Hugh Murray and J. J. Mason, P.Z's.
- No. 7.* *Moirs, Belleville.*
E. Comps. A. McGinnis, Z; W. L. Hamilton, Wm. Webster, P.H's; and M. E. Comp. L. H. Henderson, P.Z.
- No. 8.* *King Solomon's, Toronto.*
Ex. Comp. Robert Oliver, Z; Ex. Comps. John Patton, P.H.; R. L. Patterson, Geo. Clarke; R. E. Comps. E. T. Malone, David McLellan, J. Ross Robertson, J. B. Nixon, John A. Wills, Alex. Patterson and M. E. Comp. Thomas Sargent and Daniel Spry, P.Z's.
- No. 15.* *Wawanosh, Sarnia.*
Ex. Comp. William Abernethy, P.Z.
- No. 16.* *Carleton, Ottawa.*
Ex. Comps. J. A. Campbell, Z; J. H. Salmon, J; R. Ex. Comps. Edwin Plant and David Taylor, P.Z's.
- No. 18* *Oxford, Woodstock.*
V. E. Comp. Jas. Sutherland, P.Z.
- No. 19.* *Mount Moriah, St. Catharines.*
Ex. Comp. George Burch, H; R. E. Comp. John W. Coy, P.Z.
- No. 20.* *Mount Horeb, Brantford.*
Ex. Comp. C. V. Howell, J.
- No. 23.* *Ezra, Simcoe.*
V. E. Comp. Geo. F. Counter, Z.
- No. 24.* *Tecumseh, Stratford.*
Ex. Comp. J. J. Moore, J; R. Ex. Comp. I. Baker and John E. Harding, P.Z's
- No. 26.* *St. Mark's, Trenton.*
Ex. Comp. William T. Wilkins, Z.
- No. 27.* *Manitou, Collingwood.*
Ex. Comp. H. A. Currie, H; V. E. Comp. W. T. Toner, P.Z.
- No. 28.* *Pentalpha, Oshawa.*
R. E. Comp. R. McCaw, P.Z.
- No. 31.* *Prince Edward, Picton.*
V. E. Comp. Wm. Smeaton. R. E. Comp. H. Welbanks and M. E. Comp. Donald Ross, P.Z's.
- No. 32.* *Waterloo, Galt.*
Ex. Comp. John Shupe, P.Z.
- No. 34.* *Signet, Barrie.*
Ex. Comp. R. E. Fletcher, Z; S. J. Sanford, H; D. F. Macwatt, S. Wesley and M. E. Comp. Daniel Spry, P.Z's.
- No. 35.* *Keystone, Whitby.*
R. E. Comp. W. R. Howse, P.Z.
- No. 36.* *Corinthian, Peterboro.*
V. Ex. Comp. Walter Paterson, P.Z.
- No. 37.* *Victoria, Port Hope.*
R. E. Comp. J. B. Trayes, P.Z.
- No. 40.* *Guelph, Guelph.*
Ex. Comp. A. Bruce, R. Ex. Comps. Hugh Walker and J. A. Nelles, P.Z's.
- No. 41.* *Harris, Ingersoll.*
R. E. Comp. M. Walsh, P.Z.

- No. 44.* *Mount Sinai, Napanee.*
Ex. Comp. James Aylsworth, Z; S. C. Warner, H; R. W. Longmore, J; M. E. Comp. Donald Ross, P.Z.
- No. 48.* *St. John's, Cobourg.*
Ex. Comp. R. J. Craig, H; P. J. Lightburne, P.Z.
- No. 52.* *Prince Rupert's, Winnipeg.*
R. Ex. Comp. Wm. G. Bell, P.Z.
- No. 54.* *Palestine, St. Thomas.*
Ex. Comp. N. W. Ford, Z; Luke Slater, P.Z.
- No. 55.* *Niagara, Niagara.*
Ex. Comp. J. G. G. Rousseaux, J.
- No. 59.* *Sussex, Brockville.*
Ex. Comp. T. P. Sparham, Z; C. H. Fitzimmons, H; Jas. A. Poulton, J; J. Quigg, P.H.; Wm. King, Thomas Kearns, Thos. Wilkinson, and R. Ex. Comp. George Gale, P.Z's.
- No. 60.* *Doric, Newmarket.*
Ex. Comp. T. H. Brunton, Z.
- No. 62.* *York, Eglinton.*
Ex. Comp. William Roaf, Z; Richard W. Hull, E. Comp. John McCarter, R. E. Comp. E.T. Malone, M. E. Comp. Thomas Sargent, P.Z's.
- No. 63.* *Havelock, Kincardine.*
R. Ex. Comp. De Witt H. Martyn, P.Z.
- No. 65.* *St. Paul's, Toronto.*
Ex. Comp. Benjamin Allen, Z; R. W. Hull, P.Z.; V. E. Comp. F. F. Manley P.Z.
- No. 69.* *Grimsby, Grimsby.*
R. Ex. Comp. William Gibson, Z.
- No. 70.* *Prince of Wales, Amherstburg.*
Ex. Comp. George Gott, P.Z.
- No. 75.* *St. Clair, Milton.*
V. E. Comp. Jas. A. Frazer, P.Z.
- No. 76.* *Mount Nebo, Niagara Falls South.*
R. Ex. Comp. John McCoy, P.Z. Proxy.
- No. 77.* *Occident, Toronto.*
Ex. Comp. William Riddle, P.Z.; V. Ex. Comp. Jos. W. Hickson, R. Ex. Comps. John Hetherington, John A. Wills and M. Ex. Comp. Thos. Sargent, P.Z's.
- No. 79.* *Orient, Toronto.*
Ex. Comp. Ira Bates, R. Ex. Comp. Jas. B. Nixon and M. E. Comp. Thomas Sargent, P.Z's.
- No. 80.* *Ark, Windsor.*
Ex. Comp. John H. Hanna and R. Ex. Comp. Thomas McGregor, P.Z's.
- No. 81.* *Aylmer, Aylmer.*
Ex. Comp. J. Richardson, H.
- No. 83.* *Ionic, Orangeville.*
Ex. Comp. John C. Fox and M. Ex. Comp. Thos. Sargent, P.Z's.
- No. 85.* *Exeter, Exeter.*
R. Ex. Comp. I. Baker, P.Z. Proxy.
- No. 86.* *Macpherson, Meaford.*
Ex. Comp. John F. Mathews, Z.
- No. 87.* *Wentworth, Dundas.*
Ex. Comp. W. F. Miller, Proxy and R. E. Comp. David McLellan, P.Z's.
- No. 88.* *Macnabb, Dresden.*
Ex. Comp. R. M. Stuart, P.Z.
- No. 90.* *Golden, Rat Portage*
Ex. Comp. D. T. Ferguson, P.Z.
- No. 91.* *Antiquity, Toronto.*
Ex. Comp. Wm. R. Cavell, Z; V. Ex. Comp. C. F. Mansell, R. Ex. Comps. G. Rowe, Geo. J. Bennett and M. Ex. Comp. Thos. Sargent, P.Z's.
- No. 93.* *Metropolitan, Melbourne.*
R. Ex. Comp. David McLellan, P.Z. Proxy.
- No. 94.* *Midland, Lindsay.*
Ex. Comp. B. Dingle, Z; A. Cathro, J.; and R. E. Comp. J. W. Wallace, P.Z.
- No. 95.* *Tuscan, Brampton.*
M. E. Comp. Thos. Sargent, P.Z.
- No. 96.* *Australasian Kilwinning, Melbourne.*
R. E. Comp. David McLellan, P.Z. Proxy.
- No. 97.* *City of Melbourne, Melbourne.*
R. E. Comp. David McLellan, P.Z. Proxy.
- No. 99.* *Keystone, Portage La Prairie.*
R. E. Comp. Wm. G. Bell, P.Z. Proxy.

U. D. *St. Lawrence, Brockville.*
Ex. Comp. P. W. D. Broderick, Z ; Thos. Kearns, H ; John Easton and R. E.
Comp. Geo. Gale, P.Z's.

U. D. *Corinthian, Boissevain.*
R. Ex. Comp. Wm. G. Bell, P.Z. Proxy.

24 Chapters are not represented.

Number of votes entitled to be cast, 262

All of which is fraternally submitted.

E. T. MALONE, <i>Chairman.</i>	} <i>Committee.</i>
WM. R. HOWSE,	
WM GIBSON,	

On motion of R. E. Comp. E. T. Malone, seconded by R. E. Comp. Wm. Gibson, the report of the Committee on the Credentials of Representatives was received and adopted.

The M. E. Grand Z. granted permission for the admission of all Royal Arch Masons, in good standing, during the session of the Grand Chapter as visitors.

The Grand Scribe E. read the Rules and Regulations for the government of Grand Chapter during business. The Grand Scribe E. commenced to read the minutes of the proceedings of the Thirty-second Annual Convocation, held in the town of Owen Sound, on the 19th day of July, A. D. 1889, A. I. 2419, when it was moved by R. E. Comp. J. J. Mason, seconded by R. E. Comp. John E. Harding and

Resolved, That as the Proceedings of the last Annual Convocation, held on the 19th day of July, have been printed and copies thereof sent to all the Chapters under this jurisdiction, the recorded minutes thereof be considered as read and the same be now confirmed.

The M. E. Grand Z. then read the following

ADDRESS.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Chapter of Canada--GREETING:

COMPANIONS—It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to this our Thirty-third Annual Convocation. The flight of time has been so rapid that a year does not seem to have elapsed since we last met in Grand Chapter.

We are assembled to-day to review the result of our labours in the interests of Royal Arch Masonry during the past year and to consult together how we can best advance those interests during the year to come.

Before I proceed to render an account of my stewardship, I must remind you that the shadow of Death has fallen on some of the brightest members of Grand Chapter. We have to lament the death of Most Ex. Comp. Henry Macpherson, Past Grand Z. of this Grand Chapter, who died at his residence in Owen Sound, August 4th, 1889. Most of you are aware how much he was respected both in private and masonic life. To those of us who had the pleasure of meeting him from year to year at our Annual Convocations, his counsel and opinions were valued most highly, not only for the kind and unobtrusive manner in which they were given, but also for their sound judgment and good common sense.

When such men as he die,
Their places ye may not well supply ;
Though ye among thousands try
With vain endeavour.

Right Ex. Companion William Carey, P.G.S. died May 6th, 1890, at his home in Hamilton. Ambitious and energetic in everything he was connected with, he soon advanced rapidly in Masonry, and occupied some of the highest honors in the gift of his Brethren.

Right Ex. Comp. Elihu Edmondson, our representative near the Grand Chapter of Tennessee, died a few months ago. We regret the loss of such a distinguished Companion and able representative.

I would suggest that memorial pages be placed in our printed Proceedings in memory of those Companions.

VISITS.

During the past year I have visited the following Chapters :

St. John's No. 3, London.
 St. George's No. 5, London.
 Moira No. 7, Belleville.
 Oxford No. 18, Woodstock.
 Mount Moriah No. 19, St. Catharines.
 Mount Horeb No. 20, Brantford.
 Tecumseh No. 24, Stratford.
 Harris No. 41, Ingersoll.
 Exeter No. 85, Exeter.

The Chapter of instruction, on the evening of my visit to Oxford Chapter, Woodstock, was a decided success. The degrees were beautifully exemplified, and must have been productive of great good. I trust the Superintendents of other districts will follow Rt. Ex. Companion Walsh's example.

DISPENSATIONS.

Having received a petition from a number of Companions residing at Boissevain, Manitoba, I authorized a dispensation for a new Chapter, to be called "Corinthian Chapter." It was instituted under the most favorable circumstances, a large number of Companions from Winnipeg and other places having kindly assisted at the ceremonies.

I have also given the following dispensations :

To install as Z. not having been H.,		1
" " " Z. " " H. or J.,		1
" " " H. " " J.,		8
To install officers at other than regular meeting,		8
To elect " " " " " "		2
To wear regalia on special occasions,		4

REPRESENTATIVES.

It has given me pleasure to nominate Ex. Comp. Samuel Wesley, of Barrie, Ont., as Representative of the Grand Chapter of California, and Rt. Ex. Comp. W. G. Bell, of Winnipeg, as Representative of North Dakota, near our Grand Chapter.

The following Companions have received their credentials as Representatives of this Grand Chapter :

Nova Scotia, Ex. Comp. Neil McKelvie, Summerside, 5th Nov., 1889.
 Nevada, M. Ex. Comp. Frank Bell, Reno, 24th February, 1890.
 Iowa, Ex. Comp. L. J. Baker, Ottumwa, 25th March, 1890.
 Vermont, Ex. Comp. C. W. Whitcombe, Proctorsville, 18th Ap'l, 1890.
 North Dakota, M. Ex. Comp. J. Davidson, Fargo, 29th April, 1890.
 Tennessee, M. Ex. Comp. J. H. Bullock, Paris, 6th June, 1890.

I think the Grand Chapter should demand an annual report from each of its Representatives. Each report should contain a short account of the condition of Masonry in the several jurisdictions, and also any suggestions they may make for its future advancement. Every position of honor should have a corresponding duty—without it they are generally of little importance.

BY-LAWS.

The By-laws of the following Chapters have been submitted to me for confirmation. As they did not conflict with the Constitution I confirmed them.

Prince Rupert, No. 52, Winnipeg.

Erie, No. 73, Ridgetown.

St. Paul's, No. 65, Toronto.

Occident, No. 77, Toronto.

Oxford, No. 18, Woodstock.

FINANCES.

It gives me great pleasure to report that our Finances continue to prosper.

Our receipts, after deducting stock sold, amount to \$2,636 30.

Our disbursements, after deducting stock invested 1,772 30.

Showing a balance of - - - - - \$ 864 00.

A slight increase over last year, A detailed statement of the various items will be presented to you by the G. S. E. and Grand Treasurer.

I again recommend that the warrants be withdrawn from those Chapters which have not complied with the Constitution.

I am also in favor of giving Chapters the privilege of conferring their degrees in any Warranted Lodge Room, within its own Masonic district, having sufficient accommodation. By granting this privilege, numbers of brethren would have the opportunity of becoming Royal Arch Masons, who cannot without great inconvenience and expense under our present system. We would also have a fewer number of inactive members than we have at present.

It must be apparent to those attending our Annual Convocations that we have too much Masonry crowded into one short week—the Board of General Purposes, various Committee meetings, Great Priory, Grand Council, Grand Lodge and finally, when the time comes for Grand Chapter to meet, there is a natural inclination to rush our business through with undue haste. The success of any institution largely depends on the time and mature consideration given to its affairs. It might therefore be of advantage to Grand Chapter to separate its time of meeting from that of Grand Lodge, thus making it much more of a Masonic event than it assumes at present. As it is almost impossible, owing to the time allowed District Superintendents to send in their reports, for the presiding officer of Grand Chapter to give as full and reliable information, concerning the condition of Royal Arch Masonry, in his message to Grand Chapter, as should be expected from him, I would, therefore, recommend that Superintendents be requested to forward their reports, at least, one month previous to the meeting of Grand Chapter.

I cannot close this address without thanking the officers of Grand Chapter and District Superintendents for their indefatigable exertions in the interests of Royal Arch Masonry. I trust they will continue to give it that attention which it so richly deserves.

In conclusion it is with feelings of thankfulness to Almighty God, now that the time has arrived for me to surrender the Sceptre of Grand Chapter to my successor, that I have not at the same time to leave him some difficulty to settle or some unpleasantness to cast a shadow over the opening hours of his reign. I bespeak for him an equal measure of that kindness

and fraternal loyalty you have given to myself, and which will be remembered by me with the greatest gratitude as long as I live.

RICHARD B. HUNGERFORD,
Grand Z.

Kingston, July 18th, 1890.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. J. J. Mason, seconded by R. E. Comp. John E. Harding, and

Resolved, That the address of the M. E. Grand Z. be referred to the Executive Committee to report thereon during the present Convocation of Grand Chapter.

The following reports of the various Grand Superintendents of Districts were presented.

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent, the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

I have the honor to submit my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in the St. Clair District.

ERIE, No. 73, Ridgetown.—This was the first Chapter officially visited by me. On the 18th of September, I received a notice of a special meeting called for Installation of Officers and to confer the Royal Arch degree. I attended this meeting, and was accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. P. A. Craig, the officers and companions of Ark Chapter, No. 80, of Windsor. On arrival at the Chapter rooms, the Chapter was opened in due form. The S. E. having stated what the meeting was called for, I proceeded to install the officers, and was assisted by R. Ex. Comp. P. A. Craig and others. After the officers were duly installed the Chapter was closed by the officers of the Chapter until 7.30 p.m., when it was opened again by the officers of Ark Chapter to confer the Royal Arch degree on five companions, with R. Ex. Comp. P. A. Craig in the chair. Ex. Comp. J. A. Howe, Z. of Ark Chapter, could not attend, owing to business engagements. The work was done in an exemplary manner. The Chapter was closed by Ex. Comp. D. Cochran, the present Z., and the officers of Erie Chapter, which was done in a very satisfactory manner. I have received notices of other meetings, but was unable to attend on account of business engagements. It gives me great pleasure to say that, from the amount of work they have been doing and continue to do, they will rank as A. 1 in St. Clair District.

ARK, No. 80, Windsor.—This Chapter has a membership of fifty-one members in good standing; have added one during the year, who received the M. M., P. M., and M. Ex. M. degrees; have held ten regular and three special meetings; the condition of the S. E.'s Books is good; of the Treasurer good; the assets are Five hundred and fifty dollars, (\$550.00); liabilities none; the Chapter is in a prosperous condition.

PRINCE OF WALES, No. 71, Amherstburg.—I made an official visit to this Chapter on the 9th of April, and with the assistance of Ex. Comp. Geo. Gott, I installed the officers. This Chapter has held six regular and five special meetings, average attendance ten; suspended for non-payment of dues, 4; number of deaths, 1; liabilities none; assets Five hundred dollars, (\$500.00); members in good standing, 25; I received but one notice of meeting.

WELLINGTON, No. 47, Chatham.—I have received but one notice of meeting from this Chapter, and this was on the day of said meeting, which was impossible for me to attend.

MACNABB, No. 88, Dresden.—This Chapter has not sent me a notice

of a single meeting. I have written Comp. J. H. McVean, S. E. of the Chapter, but never received any reply, so I am unable to give any information in regard to the standing of this Chapter.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

THOS. MCGREGOR,
Grand Supt. St. Clair District.

LONDON DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent, the Grand Z., Officers, and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

I have the honor to submit a short report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in the London District.

I have to express my deep regret, that, owing to a serious illness during the winter and spring months, I was unable to visit all the Chapters in the District. I fully intended to visit each Chapter twice, but I could not do it. "The spirit was willing, but the flesh was very, very weak,"

ST. JOHN'S, No 3, London.—This is probably the most flourishing in the District, having good active officers, all well known in Craft Masonry. The record for the past year is very creditable. Several emergent convocations have been held (in addition to the regular monthly meetings) for conferring degrees. The work has been well done by the proper officers. The average attendance at the meetings, from fifteen to twenty. I visited this Chapter on October 23rd, 1889, and, on May 28th, 1890. Ex. Comp. Cooper makes an excellent presiding officer, and is deservedly popular with every member of the Chapter. The books are neatly and correctly kept by that veteran Craftsman, Comp. John Siddons. This Chapter was represented at last meeting of Grand Chapter by Ex. Comp. Carruthers and R. Ex. Comp. Dewar. No notices of meetings have been received.

ST. GEORGE'S, No. 5, London.—The Chapter, of which I have the honor of being Z., has held its regular monthly convocations during the year. While the increase in membership has not, possibly, been as marked as in St. John's, No. 3, yet considerable work has been done, in fact, degrees have been conferred at each convocation, I think, except one. The R. A. degree was conferred upon three Companions on the 17th June, and one balloted for. Average attendance fifteen; the work has been correctly done by the proper officers, assisted by R. Ex. Comp. Burke. The Chapter is financially sound, having no liability, and a good bank account. The prospects for both Chapters are good. I cordially bear testimony to the truly fraternal spirit existing between the officers and members of the two Chapters. The furniture is insured jointly by the two Chapters for \$400.00. At the regular convocation, on May 20th, Most Ex. Comp. Hungerford, Grand Z., on behalf of the two city Chapters, presented R. Ex. Comp. Burke with a Grand Superintendent's regalia, in recognition of services rendered, and of his worth as a man and Mason. This Chapter was represented at Grand Chapter by myself. Ex. Comp. Skinner, H.; R. Ex. Comp. Smyth, and M. Ex. Comp. Hungerford.

WAWANOSH, No. 15, Sarnia.—Ex. Comp. C. Mole writes me that the Chapter is financially in a good position, with no debt, and arrearages for dues small, that the officers and members are working well together, and doing well. Average attendance thirteen; total membership, forty-one. five regular and seven emergent convocations have been held during the year. Future prospects of the Chapter good. Notices of the meetings were received by me.

BRUCE, No. 53, Petrolia.—I have had no notices from this Chapter, nor, in fact, any word whatever from them, during the year. My letter addressed to the Z., asking for certain information, was not even answered.

PALESTINE, No. 54, St. Thomas.—Has a membership of seventy-seven, with an average attendance of twelve, eight meetings held during the year; dues outstanding over one year \$35.00; liabilities none, insurance \$300.00. While this Chapter has done comparatively little work during the year, its prospects for the immediate future are good. Several candidates are on the way, and more applications coming in. I will visit this Chapter on Thursday next, 10th inst., when the R. A. degree will be given to several candidates. I will then be in a position to judge of the quality of work done, although from previous reputation, I believe the officers are fully up to their work. They have sent me notices of meetings, when work was to be done. The Chapter was represented at Grand Chapter by Ex. Comp. W. B. Doherty.

BEAVER, No. 74, Strathroy, and MINNEWAWA, No. 78, Parkhill, are in the same condition of chronic lethargy in which they have been for several years. The reports of previous Superintendents go to show that these Chapters are dead, with no hope of a revival. Whether anything is to be gained in not recalling their charter I will leave others to decide.

AYLMER, No. 81, Aylmer.—I visited this Chapter last night, July 4th, accompanied by R. E. Comp. Burke, and had a cordial reception. There was no work to be done, but the time was profitably spent in discussing future prospects. The condition of the Chapter is fair. Six regular and one emergent convocation have been held. R. Ex. Comp. Clutton is Z., and as I know him to be thoroughly conversant with the work, I feel sure that the high state of efficiency, which my predecessors have spoken of, as regards this Chapter, has been maintained. The books are neatly kept by Comp. W. W. Rutherford. Arrearages of dues, \$39.15, nearly all of which is collectable. This Chapter was represented by Ex. Comp. Miller at last Grand Chapter meeting.

During the year, I issued three dispensations. One to St. John's Chapter, No. 3, London, and one to Wawanosh Chapter, No. 15, Sarnia; also one to Palestine Chapter, No. 54, St. Thomas; all for the purpose of attending divine service, the two former on Sunday, the 29th December, 1889, and the latter on Sunday, 29th June, 1890. I also recommended that a dispensation be granted St. John's Chapter, No. 3, London, for the purpose of having their officers installed on Tuesday, 17th December, 1889, in connection with the officers of St. George's, No. 5, which was granted.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

A. B. MUNSON,
Grand Sup't London Dist.

London, July 5th, 1890.

WILSON DISTRICT.

To the Most Ex., the Grand Z., Principals and Officers of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

At the date of my report last June, there was one Chapter, viz.: Oxford Chapter, No. 18, of Woodstock, which was dormant. I am happy to be able to say it is re-organized and flourishing, and has a bright future before it, both as to numbers and quality of material.

After last Grand Chapter, I induced V. Ex. Comp. James Sutherland, M. P., the Z. of the Chapter, to see what could be done towards reorganizing it. His efforts were successful, and on the 30th of September, I paid

an official visit to it, and assisted by some of the old officers, I conferred the Mark Master's degree on three candidates, after which the Chapter was opened in the R. A. degree, and several applications were received, and the future of the Chapter discussed. On the 25th of October following, I again visited the Chapter, and "marked" four other candidates. I was assisted by the officers of the Chapter. On the 4th of November following, I again visited Oxford Chapter, and conferred the degrees of P.M. and M.E.M. on the seven candidates we had previously marked. R. Ex. Comp. Harding, G.J., honored the occasion by his presence, and assisted me and the other officers of Woodstock and Ingersoll in the work. By the efforts of V. Ex. Comp. Sutherland, assisted by his officers, there were now two candidates ready to mark, and seven to exalt, and I decided that it would be in the interests of my district, and an opportune time to utilize the occasion, to convene a Chapter of Instruction, which, with the consent and approbation of the Principals and Companions of Oxford Chapter, was done in their Chapter room, on the 19th of December last. The mark D. was conferred on the two candidates in the afternoon. The principal part of the work was done by R. Ex. Comp. Burke, Past Grand Superintendent of London District, E. Comp. Cooper and Ex. Comp. Broderick of London, the remainder having been done by the officers of Woodstock and Ingersoll and myself. There was a good attendance and the work was exemplified by the very competent officers correctly and well, and revived anew the interest in this fine degree. In the evening seven candidates were exalted. At my request, the following Grand Officers graced the auspicious occasion with their presence, viz.: Most Ex. the Grand Z., P. G. Superintendent Burke of London District; Grand Superintendent Munson of London District; P. G. Superintendent Ashton of Wilson District (Brantford), and P. G. Superintendent Slawson, of Wilson District (Ingersoll), and V. Ex. Comp. James Sutherland, with the other officers and companions of Woodstock and their visitors, in all about forty. The accustomed honors were extended to the Grand Z., and other Grand Officers, who, at considerable inconvenience, were present. The work was exemplified by R. Ex. Comps. Burke and Munson, and Ex. Comp. Broderick, all of London; R. Ex. Comp. Ashton, of Brantford; R. Ex. Comp. Slawson, of Ingersoll, and myself acting as Z., and we were ably assisted by the officers of Woodstock and Ingersoll Chapters. The quality of the work was of a high order and correctly interpreted the impressive and beautiful lessons of this Supreme Degree. Most points, connected with the manner and method of conferring this degree, were discussed and settled. Aided by the competent suggestions of the Most Ex. the G. Z., and as a result of this convocation, an increased interest in R. A. Masonry and better work in exemplifying it, is noticeable in my district. The social aspect of the Royal Craft was presented in the evening, when the principals and companions of Oxford Chapter entertained the visiting Companions at a splendid banquet, at which V. Ex. Comp. Sutherland, Z. presided, having the G.Z. on his right, and R. Ex. Comp. Munson on his left, with R. Ex. Comp. James Canfield, as Vice-Chairman. The future success of Oxford Chapter, No. 18, seems now assured, and as the other three Chapters in Wilson District are flourishing, notably, Mt. Horeb, of Brantford, I am able to hand the district over to my successor in good working order, harmonious, and with bright prospects.

I found the District "a skeleton, it is now clothed with life, color and complexion." I found it moribund, it is now full of youth and health and promise."

The following is a report of the Chapters in Wilson District.

OXFORD, No. 18.—Meets at Woodstock, on the third Monday in each month. Z's name and P. O. address : William E. Wilkinson, Woodstock. S.E.'s name and address : Joseph Codville, Woodstock ; The Chapter now has a membership of thirty-four. The average attendance, exclusive of visitors, is fifteen. I visited the Chapter on the 30th of September, the 25th of October, the 4th of November, and 19th of December, 1889. On the 30th of December, I marked three candidates, and was assisted by the officers of the Chapter. On the 25th of October, I marked four other candidates, and was assisted by the officers of the Chapter. On the 4th of November, I conferred the Past Master's and Most Ex. Master's Degrees on seven candidates, and was assisted by some of the officers of the Chapter, and visiting officers from Ingersoll. On the 19th of December, the Chapter of Instruction was held, and seven candidates were exalted, the particulars of which are given on pages 2 and 3. I also installed the newly elected officers of this Chapter. Since the above date, December 19th, the work is being done by new officers, in an efficient manner. The present Z. has conferred all the degrees, assisted by H. and J. The Past Z. has not exemplified any of the degrees, but has been present at all the meetings, up to his going to Ottawa, and has assisted in the work. Four regular and seven emergent convocations have been held since September last, before that none I believe. The condition of S. E.'s books is defective, having been neglected the last few years, while the Chapter was inactive. The Treasurer's only fair. The cash is paid over to the Treasurer, and retained by him. The annual dues are \$2.00. There is one companion in arrear over one year, two over two years, two over three years, two over four years and two over five years. The longest period any companion is in arrear is 6 years. The assets as reported by S.E. are as follows :

Furniture and Jewels,	-	-	-	-	-	\$400 00
Dues in Arrear,	-	-	-	-	-	68 00
						\$468 00

The liabilities are not reported by S.E., but I understood from other sources that they are small. The furniture, etc. is insured for \$225.00. An inventory is kept outside the Chapter room. The hall of the Blue Lodges is used for the Chapter, and is very fine and suitable. This Chapter was represented at last Grand Chapter by V. Ex. Comp. James Sutherland, the Z.

MT. HOREB, No. 20.—This Chapter meets at Brantford, on the first Wednesday in each month. It has a membership of forty-five. The average attendance, without visitors, is twenty. R. Ex. Comp. Ashton, Z., has exemplified all degrees, during the last year, and has been assisted by the H. and J. On the 5th of March last, I paid my official visit to this Chapter, and installed the officers. There was a large attendance, being about thirty present. On this occasion, four candidates were balloted for and accepted. In May last, I, accompanied by M. E. Comp. Hungerford paid an informal visit to this Chapter. After the Grand Z. was received with the proper honors, I, with the assistance of the G. Z., and the officers of the Chapter, conferred the degrees of M.M., P.M. and M.E.M. on the candidate in waiting. The attendance was good, and the Z. and H. not being aware of our intention to make the visit, had adjourned the meeting, and were unable to be present. From June, the 1st, 1889. to May, the 31, 1890, eighteen convocations were held by this Chapter. eleven regular and seven emergent. At these convocations, twelve candidates received the

Master Mason's degree, twelve received the Past Master Mason's, twelve received the M. E. M. and thirteen were exalted. The condition of S. E.'s books is good, condition of Treasurer's books the same. The cash received by the S. E. is paid over promptly to the Treasurer, and deposited in one of the banks in the Treasurer's name. The number of companions in arrear over one year, three; over two years, two; over three years, three; over four years, four; over five years, two. The longest period of any companion is in arrears is ten years.

ASSETS.

Furniture,	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$400 00
Amount of dues unpaid,	-	-	-	-	-	-	150 00
Cash on hand,	-	-	-	-	-	-	50 00
							\$600 00

LIABILITIES.

Due Brant Lodge, No. 45,	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 200 00
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The furniture is insured for \$400.00. An inventory is kept outside of the Chapter room in a fire-proof vault. There is a special room for the Chapter, and it is suitable. The Chapter was represented at last Grand Chapter by proxy. The prospects of the Chapter are very good.

EZRA, No. 23.—This Chapter meets at Simcoe, on the Thursday, after each full moon. It has a membership of thirty-one. The average attendance, without visitors, is fifteen to seventeen. All the degrees have been conferred during the last year by V. E. Comp. Counter, Z., and the other Principals and officers, who were very materially assisted by R. E. Comp. Christie, P. G. S. N. On the 6th of February, I paid my official visit to this Chapter, and I, acting as Z., exalted three candidates, assisted by H. and J., and other officers. The quality of the work of H. was fair; of R. E. Comp. Christie, as J., good. That of the principal Sojourner was good. I was accompanied by the Ex. Comp. Rumsey and Comp. Lyon of Woodstock. Sixteen convocations were held during the year—twelve regular and four emergent. The condition of S. E.'s books is good. The condition of the Treasurer's books is good. The cash is paid over to the Treasurer as it is received, and is deposited in one of the banks in his name. The dues of the Chapter are \$3.00 per year for the companions living within three miles of the Chapter, \$1.50 per year for the companions living beyond that distance in Wilson District, and \$1.00 per year for those outside the District. There are no companions in arrears for a year or over. The S. E. of this Chapter has neglected to return the assets of the Chapter. The liabilities are nil. The value of the furniture is \$400.00, and it is insured for \$300.00. An inventory is kept outside the Chapter room. The blue lodge room is used for the Chapter and is suitable. The Chapter was represented at last Grand Chapter by its first Principal, V. E. Comp. Counter. The prospects of the Chapter are encouraging.

HARRIS, No. 41.—This Chapter meets at Ingersoll on the second Friday, in each month. It has a membership of thirty-five. Average attendance, without visitors, thirteen. I am the Z., and therefore, made no visit as Grand Superintendent. I have exemplified all the degrees during the last year, and have been assisted by the H. and J. The quality of the work of H. and J. is good, and of the Principal Sojourner the same. The Past Z. has not exemplified any of the degrees during the last year. Eleven convocations were held during the year—ten regular and one emergent. The condition of the S. E.'s books is good, and of the Treasurer's the same. The cash is paid over promptly to the Treasurer, and is deposited in one of

the banks here in his name. The dues of this Chapter are \$2.00 per year.

There are no companions in arrear over one year. The assets are

Cash on hand,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$114	28
Dues unpaid,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	47	00
									\$161 28

The liabilities are little or nothing. The furniture, jewels, etc. are valued at \$300, and are insured for \$300. There is no inventory kept outside the Chapter room, but I will have one made and kept. The blue lodge room is used by the Chapter, and is very suitable for the purpose. The Chapter was represented at last Grand Chapter by myself.

Dated at Ingersoll, this 25th June, A. D. 1890, A. I. 2420.

M. WALSH,
G. S. Wilson District.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent, the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

I have the honor to submit my report on the condition of Capitalar Masonry in the Wellington District.

After my election at last Grand Chapter, I investigated the state of my district, which contains five Chapters, all of which were doing fairly well, with one exception. Enterprise Chapter, No. 67, of Harriston, had not done anything for two or three years past. I corresponded with Comp. Irvine, of Harriston, who is just as enthusiastic a Mason as ever. We had several personal interviews in the matter, and he told me that they were so few then, who took an interest in it, they could not get enough together to hold a meeting. However, I persuaded him to try and work the old ones up, and also to get some new ones in, the result of which was they got six new applications, and all good material. They got the old members together to receive the petitions, and also to ballot on them, and I had the pleasure of going to Harriston on the 22nd May, on which occasion I was accompanied by Ex. Comp. Gemmell, First Principal of Guelph Chapter, Comp. Mahoney, Second Principal; Comp. Watson, Principal Sojourner; and Ex. Comp. Bruce; and we conferred the degrees on five of the new candidates. This will give them about sixteen or eighteen working members, and with the new interest taken, and Comp. Irvine with them, I feel we may look forward to a good future for Enterprise Chapter. They have a fine large room, well furnished, and out of debt. The books are in good order, but not having done any work for so long, there is nothing in them to report on.

IONIC, No. 83, Orangeville.—On the 7th March, I made an official visit to Ionic Chapter, No. 83, Orangeville. The Comps. gave me a very enthusiastic reception, as any one can understand who knows Comp. McLaran. I had the pleasure of seeing the work done in the M.M.M. degree, and it was very well done, all the officers taking their parts very well. Ex. Comp. Fleming, Z., is a good executive officer, and well adapted for the first chair. Ionic has not been doing much work lately, but this year they have taken a fresh start. They have had a number of young candidates, young men, and likely to do work. The books are in good order, and I certainly congratulate Ionic Chapter on having one of the best Scribe E.'s in the district, Comp. Walker. The books are well kept and in good order. The notices are sent out regularly and on time, with the proper information on them, and never forgets the Grand Superintendent,

as is too often the case. There were ten meetings held during the year; nine new candidates accepted; the roll numbers thirty-five, with a good average attendance. They have a fine room well furnished, and no liabilities; very few members are in arrears of dues, and on the whole, Ionic is in a very prosperous condition. May they long continue so.

WATERLOO, No. 32, Galt.—On the 9th December, I made an official visit to Waterloo Chapter, No. 32, Galt. On that occasion I was accompanied by Ex. Comp. Gemmell and Comp. Watson, but I am sorry to say, from unavoidable circumstances, we were a little late in arriving, and had not the pleasure of seeing the Comps. work the Supreme degree of the Holy Royal Arch, for which degree they had a candidate that evening, but knowing R. Ex. Comp. Taylor and Shupe, I feel confident that the work was given as it should be. It was also installation of officers at that meeting, which duty was performed by Rt. Ex. Comp. Taylor, in a very able manner. Waterloo is a fine Chapter, well officered, and in good standing, but they have not done as much work of late as I think they ought to, nor is the average attendance as good as it should be, but I feel sure, were a little more interest and enthusiasm put into the meeting by the older members, and an effort made to bring in a few new ones, Waterloo would not be behind any in the district.

ELORA, No. 49, Elora.—On the 11th September, I made an official visit to Elora Chapter, No. 49, Elora. I was accompanied by quite a number of companions from Guelph Chapter, who are always ready and glad to visit or assist sister Chapters. On this occasion one candidate was exalted to the Supreme degree of the Holy Royal Arch. The work was done by Rt. Ex. Comp. Scoon of Guelph Chapter, assisted by the companions of Elora, and the work was exceedingly well done. They have good material in Elora, but do not seem to turn out well at meeting, and I am sorry to say that I think they are not working as harmoniously as they should do, which is a great drawback to any Chapter, and they have also suffered the loss, through death, of one of the oldest and most enthusiastic Mason in the Chapter, Comp. Elliott, consequently, their prospects do not look as bright as I would like to see them. However, with a little more brotherly love, a little more interest in the work, and a few new members (which they might have) I hope to see Elora Chapter come to the front rank yet.

GUELPH, No. 40, Guelph.—I have attended nearly all of the meetings of Guelph Chapter during the year, as it should be a pleasure for anyone to do. On one occasion I worked the P.M. degree for the Chapter. This is without doubt, the largest and most prosperous Chapter in the district, and it should naturally be, having three blue lodges to draw from. But apart from that fact, it is governed by officers who take an interest in the Chapter and in Chapter work. They get their work up well, and then give it well, which last is a most important point to the candidate, and interesting to the members, and this is not confined to the present officers, but a number of the past ones as well, who are qualified to take any position in the Chapter required. Meetings are held regularly; the books are well kept, and regularly audited; they have a handsome room well furnished and paid for, and they take a pride in it as they should do. They have about seventy members on the roll, with a good average attendance. Thirteen meetings have been held during the year; four new candidates received. Grand Chapter reports are sent off promptly, and the Chapter is in good financial standing. At the last meeting, which was election of officers, I suggested to the Companions the advisability of giving the principal officers two years

in their chairs instead of one, as at present, as I consider it almost impossible for the First Principal to get all the degrees up, and have confidence in himself to give them as they should be given in an impressive manner, in one year, and too often you see companions work up for the first chair, and when they get there and see the work before them, they think it not worth while to take so much trouble for one year and just slip through as easily as they can, with perhaps opening and closing the Chapter properly, and I certainly think the great beauty in the work, and the interest in the Chapter is to see the work well done. I am glad to say the companions took my view of the matter, and unanimously elected the old officers, and although the work is well done now, I think it will be better in future in Guelph Chapter.

Harmony prevails throughout the district. I have not heard a complaint during the year, and I feel justified in saying that Capitular Masonry is prosperous and advancing in Wellington District.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

J. ASHWORTH NELLES,
Grand Supt. Wellington District.

Guelph, July 1st, 1890.

HAMILTON DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent, the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

I have the honor to present my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in the Hamilton District.

I visited the Hiram Chapter, No. 2, Hamilton, on 2nd December, 1889, and received a most cordial welcome. The attendance of members of the Chapter and of visiting companions was very large, and I had the pleasure of seeing the Royal Arch degree worked by Ex. Comp. Thomas Irwin, the First Principal. Not only he, but all the officers of the Chapter were as nearly as possible letter perfect in the ritual of the degree, and the manner in which it was conferred left nothing to be desired.

On December 12th, I visited St. John's Chapter, No. 6, Hamilton. The attendance of members and visitors taxed the seating capacity of the commodious room to the utmost, and the reception I received was as hearty as that accorded me by the Hiram Chapter. Several candidates received the Royal Arch degree, and when I say the work was exemplified by R. E. Comp. Edward Mitchell, First Principal of the Chapter, to whose zeal and skill its present prosperity is so largely due, and that not a single slip was made by any of his officers, it can be understood how impressive was the effect. I learned that the full attendance of the officers of both Chapters, when I visited them, was not exceptional, but was the rule, and that the number of capable companions available for officers was so large that none received preferment unless they got up their work perfectly, and were always on hand when required to do it. Further, when the work of any convocation promised to be particularly heavy, there were always well skilled Past Principals ready to assist, all being as willing to work in another Chapter as their own, and the greatest harmony prevailing. Under this happy state of affairs, it is not wonderful that the Hamilton Chapters are prospering, and that they are the two strongest in membership under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Canada.

I paid my official visit to St. Clair Chapter, No. 75, Milton, on the

15th of March last, and was present at all its convocations during the year. Its membership has not increased within that time, but its convocations have been held regularly, and by assembling his officers occasionally for instruction, Ex. Comp. J. A. Frazer, its First Principal, has them fairly up in their work. The books of the Chapter are well kept, and its finances in a reasonably satisfactory state, though there are more arrears of dues charged against some of its members than there ought to be. Efforts are now being made, however, to induce the delinquents to pay up, and are meeting with some success. I feel warranted in saying that St. Clair Chapter is in a fairly prosperous condition, although its membership has not increased lately, and I am led to hope that there will soon be an improvement in the latter respect, as several applications are expected in the near future.

My predecessor, R. E. Comp. C. W. Mulligan, recommended last year, in his report, that the companions of Wentworth Chapter, No. 87, Dundas, owing to its dormant condition, "should either return their warrant or amalgamate with one of the Hamilton bodies, (Hiram, No. 2, or St. John's, No. 6), as a Chapter in Dundas is too near the successful Chapters of Hamilton." I think that the sooner this recommendation is carried out the better. I wrote last winter to the Scribe E. of Wentworth Chapter, urging that an effort should be made to revive it, and asking that its members should be summoned to a convocation, so that I could pay it my official visit. I informed the Scribe E., that, if there should be any difficulty about securing a sufficient muster of its officers, several prominent Hamilton companions had kindly offered to accompany me, and would give any assistance required. The Scribe E. took no notice of my letter, at least, he did not answer it. I received a letter lately from R. E. Comp. David McLellan, Grand Scribe E., informing me that Wentworth Chapter was the only one in Hamilton District from which he had not received the annual return, and requesting me to write to its Scribe E., urging that the matter should be attended to. I wrote as desired, and though possibly the return was prepared and forwarded, I received no reply. I am afraid that the members of the dormant Chapter are content to allow it to remain dormant. Hence my recommendation.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. PANTON,

Grand Supt. Hamilton District.

HURON DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent, the Grand Z., Officers, and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

I have the honor to submit the following report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in the Huron District, for the year just closed, which varies slightly from the previous year.

There are seven Chapters in the district, one being dormant, and six in working order.

TECUMSEH, No. 24, Stratford.—Meets on the first Tuesday of the month. Having attended all the meetings during the year, I am well acquainted with its working. We have thirty-four members, being a loss of two. The officers of the previous year were re-elected, and are generally able to perform their several duties satisfactorily. There were two exaltations during the year, the work having been done by E. Comp. F. W. Gearing, the Z., in a highly creditable manner. There are six members

one year in arrears ; seven, two years ; and three, three years, the arrears being too large for those concerned. The collections made by the S.E. are promptly handed over to the Treasurer and deposited in his own name. The dues are \$3.00 per annum. Financially the Chapter is sound, the cash assets being \$121.00, with outstandings \$142.00, while the liabilities are nil. There were eight regular convocations during the year. The M.E., the Grand Z., visited us on the 4th of March, but as we had no notice of his coming, the attendance was small, several of the officers being absent. The condition of the Chapter is fair.

HURON, No. 30, Goderich.—Meets on the third Tuesday monthly, except July and August. I was unable to visit this Chapter during the year, the several meetings conflicting with business, which I could not put aside, but from information supplied by the S.E., I conclude there is little change. There has been only one exaltation during the year, worked by E. Comp. Green, during his term of office. There were five meetings, four regular and one emergent. The collections by the S.E. are handed to the Treasurer, and held by him. The dues are \$2.00 per annum for members residing in the town, and \$1.00 for non-residents. The cash assets are placed at \$90.00, and liabilities nil. The furniture is valued at \$300.00, it is insured. There are five companions over one year in arrears ; nine over two years ; and twenty-two over three years. A change here is very desirable. The Chapter was represented at last Grand Chapter by E. Comp. C. A. Humber, H., who is the present Z.

ST. JAMES, No. 46, St. Mary's.—Last year I recommended the withdrawal of the warrant, but certain inducements being held out by Grand Chapter to dormant Chapters, the Grand Scribe E. suggested that I should again endeavor to induce them to resume work. I visited St. Mary's on several occasions, met the companions, and endeavored to bring them into line, but without success. Eventually they decided not to re-enter the fold, but offered to hand over their warrant. Their is neither life nor energy in them. The warrant should have been withdrawn years ago.

HAVELOCK, No. 63, Kincardine.—The most lively Chapter in the district, meets on the third Thursday of the month. With a membership of forty-one, they have had an average attendance of 13, without visitors. I visited this Chapter on June 12th, and as on a former occasion, I had a reception, which I will not soon forget. On this visit, the work of the R. A. was exemplified by E. Comp. R. D. Hall, the Z., assisted by R. E. Comp. Martyn, also worked well, especially the P.S. The work done during the year has been two M.E.M., and two R.A., all by the Z. While the work has been light the prospects are fairly good for the ensuing year. They have had eleven regular and three emergent convocations. The cash collected by the S.E. is handed over to the Treasurer, and deposited in the name of the Chapter. There are nine companions over one year in arrears ; three over two years ; and one over three years. The cash assets are \$114.63, with no liabilities. The furniture is valued at \$650.00, and insured for \$500.00, an inventory being kept outside the Chapter. The S. E. Comp. J. C. Cooke is an excellent and valuable officer, keeping his books strictly in order. The Chapter was represented at last Grand Chapter by E. Comp. R. E. Hall, Z.

THE MALLOCH, No. 66, Clinton.—Meets on the Friday before full moon. I visited this Chapter on February 28th, installed the officers, saw the R.A. very well worked, and spent an enjoyable evening with the companions.

On May the 19th, the gavel sounded, and R. E. Comp. Malloch, the E.Z., was suddenly summoned hence, passing beyond that mysterious veil, which the eye of human reason cannot penetrate, leaving a blank in this district, and throwing his Chapter into a state of chaos.

Being unable to get any returns or information, I visited Clinton on the 27th June, where I met E. Comp. A. Worthington, who subsequently, with the assistance of E. Comp. James Young, made out and sent a partial statement of affairs, but have not had time to thoroughly examine the books and make full returns. There are thirty-eight members, with an average attendance of eleven. There were five regular and two emergent convocations, at which the following work was done by our late R. E. Comp. Malloch, and E. Comp. W. G. Duff, P.Z., four M.M., four P.M., four M.E.M. and two R.A. The general condition of the Chapter is good, and at present prosperous.

LEBANON, No. 84, Wingham.—Meets on the first Wednesday of the month. This Chapter had been taking a rest for about three years. In December last, they met, elected an efficient staff of officers, and determined to resume work. I received an invitation to attend a convocation on January 8th, for installation of officers and other business. I answered the call, and was much pleased, not only with my reception, but with the hearty spirit in which they entered into the work before them. Since then, I have received three notices for meetings, the last one for work, which is encouraging. Members on roll twenty-five, average attendance eleven, six regular convocations held, assets \$400.00, liabilities nil, furniture valued at \$300.00, no insurance, all members clear on the books but seven—five of those being over five years in arrears. I cannot understand why they do not send up good work in abundance, as they have a superior class of members, with apparently a large field for operations.

EXETER, No. 85, Exeter.—Meets on the first Tuesday of the month, with a membership of twenty-one, they have had an average attendance of nine. During the year there were five regular and one emergent convocation, at which the Z. worked two M.M., two P.M., two M.E.M. and two R.A. degrees. The dues are \$2.00 per year. All money collected by the S.E. is handed to the Treasurer, and by him deposited. There are three companions one year in arrears; two, two years; and one, three years. The cash assets are \$50.00; liabilities nil; furniture valued at \$100.00 and insured, an inventory being kept by the Treasurer. The Chapter was represented at last Grand Chapter by the Z. The prospects are brighter, work being now offered. On May 12th, I visited this Chapter in company with the M.E., the Grand Z., by special invitation, expecting to see the R.A. work done in a perfect manner. I regret to say we were disappointed, finding the principal officers depending on assistance, which it were better they should not have had. I am in hopes a change for the better may soon take place in every Chapter in this district, all showing very light work for the past year, but looking forward to an improvement during the coming fall and winter.

In retiring from the superintendence of Huron District, I have pleasure in thanking the companions of every Chapter visited by me for the cordial and fraternal greeting received.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

I. BAKER,
Grand Supt. Huron District.

TORONTO DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent, the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

In rendering an account of my stewardship for the term now closing, I consider it a matter of congratulation that Royal Arch Masonry in the Toronto District, the largest numerically of any under the Grand Chapter, had given evidence of increased and increasing prosperity.

The Chapters in active operation have one and all exhibited to a more or less extent an interest in the working that has created a healthful and, I hope, lasting impression.

This has been especially noticeable in the Chapters located in the city of Toronto, where, as the returns will show, the desire to propagate among good Masons the beautiful ceremonies of the Capitular degrees has been enthusiastically sustained.

But while this happy state of affairs exists in the city, there are in a couple of instances to be reported a condition of things outside it that requires, on the part of the Grand Chapter, to be met by prompt measures. To maintain a couple of dead Chapters in an admittedly live district is not advantageous to the Royal Craft, and I would respectfully urge that at this Annual Convocation steps be taken to have the charters returned without further delay to the custody of the Grand Scribe E. The withered branch is unsightly on the healthy trunk, and its contaminating effects are sure to make themselves visible in the course of time if the lopping off process is not immediately resorted to.

During the year I have in my official capacity paid to eleven out of the fifteen Chapters, which comprise the district, thirty-two official visits summarized as follows:—St. Andrew's, Toronto, three; King Solomon, Toronto, six; Manitou, Collingwood, one; Doric, Newmarket, two; York, Eglinton, one; St. Paul's, Toronto, five; Occident, Toronto, five; Orient, Toronto, two; Macpherson, Meaford, one; Antiquity, Toronto, three; and Tuscan, Brampton, three.

The Chapters not visited are Signet, Barrie; Georgian, Owen Sound; Spry, Alliston; and Seymour, Bradford. The two latter are virtually dead and as before observed are beyond all hope of recovery. In both cases I made frequent attempts to see the companions but my communications failed to elicit any replies.

In the case of the Barrie and Owen Sound Chapters, it would appear that an unfortunate train of circumstances prevented the companions at these places from convening for the purpose of receiving an official visit from myself. My correspondence with them extended over a period of some months, but any efforts to secure a date for an official visit proved unsuccessful in both instances. I regret this very much, because from the reports of my predecessors and from my own personal knowledge of some of the companions who are members of Signet and Georgian Chapters I am convinced that I would have been treated to a capital rendering of the several degrees.

Within the year dispensations were applied for and granted as follows: One to enable a companion to fill the office of First Principal, he not having previously passed the chair of H., and five to enable companions to fill the Second Principal's chair, they not having previously filled that of J. I also granted dispensations in six cases to install at other than the stated convocations, and granted and gave permission to King Solomon's Chapter

No. 8, Toronto, to remove from the Victoria Chambers to the Toronto St Masonic Hall.

Although during my term I have been solicited to convene a General Chapter of instruction, I have been of the opinion that more effective work can be accomplished by personal superintendence within the private Chapters. A General Chapter of instruction cannot, to my thinking, bring about the result so much desired. Where improvement is most needed it would be impossible to muster a sufficient number of the companions to make the meeting beneficial. Even in the city of Toronto where a tolerably good assembly might be expected the experience of years past has proved that the benefits derived have not been as lasting as those who desire to see the ceremonies perfect would expect. For these reasons I have made my visits as frequent as opportunity afforded, and I am now able to report that I have noted with satisfaction a steady progress and a more lively interest displayed generally. There is also greater inclination to learn, an increased desire for information, and a more visible emulation in the officers than there would be had at a General Chapter of instruction been held. In the latter the several degrees are prepared for the occasion and the questions asked are too often of a nature that cannot be regarded as profitable for the companions as a whole. I started out with this conviction and my experience has confirmed me in my original opinion.

I append my report of the several Chapters visited in the order of seniority.

ST. ANDREW AND ST. JOHN, No. 4.—This is the oldest Chapter in the district, though not at present the strongest numerically, and it might naturally be expected to give a good account of itself and it has done so.

My first official visit was paid on the 18th of October, on which occasion the four degrees were worked for my inspection. The. Ex Z. Comp. Thos. Hills, most carefully and impressively worked the M.M.M., M.E. M., and the R.A.M., and he was ably supported throughout. The Second Principal, Ex. Comp. R. McKim, undertook the P.M. degree and was equally successful. I was gratified at what I had witnessed, and expressed myself to that effect. On the 18th April following, I again visited, when the new officers worked the subordinate degrees, the M.M.M. by Ex. Comp C. A. Matthews, J; the P.M. by Ex. Comp. Bain, H; and the M. E. M. by Ex. Comp. R. McKim, Z., all of which exhibited the interest and attention paid by the principal and subordinate officers. On the occasion of my third visit, which occurred on the 16th of May, the officers were prepared to show their proficiency in the Supreme degree. but the illness of the brother who was to have been exalted interfered with their intentions.

During the year this Chapter has held ten regular and four emergent convocations, seven members having been added to the roll and it boasts of a total membership of ninety-seven, with an average attendance of twenty. \$173.00 were collected in dues and the arrears amount to \$113.00. The assets are estimated at \$1234.00, with no liabilities. The furniture in their handsome hall which is rented jointly with King Solomon's Chapter and the K. T. Preceptory, is insured. The Chapter was unrepresented at last Grand Chapter.

KING SOLOMON'S, No. 8, Toronto.—At my first visit of inspection to this Chapter there were about forty companions to greet me. It was the occasion of the Annual Election of Officers, after which I witnessed the M.M.M. degree worked by Ex. Comp. McDonald, J, in a very creditable manner, but his support showed anything but attention on the part of the inferior officers.

A month later on invitation I visited for the purpose of installing the officers, in which I was ably supported by M. E. Comp. Thos. Sargant, P. G. Z., and R. Ex. Comp. A. Patterson, P. G. S. On the 29th of the same month I saw the M. E. M. degree exemplified by the newly installed Z., Ex. Comp. R. Oliver, in a manner that plainly showed he had grasped the helm with a determination to bring his Chapter up to its old standard. On this occasion too I installed the Second Principal, Ex. Comp. McDonald, who was prevented by illness from taking his place at the previous regular convocation. At my fourth visit, which was on March 27th, I had the pleasure of seeing this officer conduct the M. E. M. degree with an accuracy which was gratifying and showed that he would be an able assistant to his colleagues. In these two instances there was a noticeable improvement particularly in the officers who filled the subordinate chairs. At my fifth visit, namely April 2nd, I witnessed the R. A. M. degree given by Ex. Comp. Robert Oliver, Z., and his officers, with such careful attention that left little to be desired. The beautiful ceremony in Companion Oliver's hands was most impressively rendered.

This was the first meeting held in the Chapter room in the Toronto Street Hall, to which the companions had decided to return after an absence of about eleven years, they having met in the interval in the Victoria Chambers. The companions generally seemed to be pleased to be at work again on the old familiar ground, and the large attendance on that evening was an augury of future advancement. The removal it is hoped will bring back to regular attendance many of the old companions who had dropped out, but who have not lost their interest in the working of the Royal Craft. When I paid my sixth and last visit, viz., on the 7th of May, the M. M. M. degree was undertaken by Ex. Comp. Wm Anderson, J. This officer's attention to the minor details of the degree was a pleasing feature of the evening's work. The Chapter may be congratulated upon possessing a trio of officers who are not weary of the good cause.

An average attendance of twenty-three out of a total membership of one hundred and fifty-one is what the register of this Chapter shows. Thirteen convocations were held, eleven of which were regular. The Scribe E. could not determine accurately the outstanding dues, but approximated them at \$460.00, which certainly appears a formidable amount, and calls for prompt attention. Only \$75.50 were collected since June, 1889. The companionship was augmented by five within the year. The funds are deposited in the name of the Treasurer, M. Ex. Comp. Sargant, in the Imperial Bank. The assets are placed at \$20.27, liabilities nil. Ex. Comp. Robt. Oliver represented this Chapter at Owen Sound.

MANITOU, No. 27, Collingwood.—Misfortune seems to have proved an incentive to the companions of this thriving northern town. Last fall their Chapter-room was visited by fire, and although their loss was considerable, it entailed an amount of inconvenience, that for a time retarded the progress of the Chapter. In addition to this, a number of the active members had removed from the place, and in the hands of a few was left its future welfare. That they have been worthy of the trust, their working since has proved. A temporary home was secured in the Oddfellows hall, and the Companions set to work to fill up the gap which removals had made. The returns will show that they have been fairly successful, and the prospects for the Chapter are excellent. On February 2nd I paid them a visit, and their reception of me was of the kindest and most fraternal nature. Their new quarters were in a perfect condition at the time, and I did not have the pleasure of witnessing any work which I can readily believe is well

performed. They have proved their activity by adding some eight members to the roll, and the future prospects are correspondingly fair. The total membership is 33, the average attendance at the 10 Regular Conventions was 12. The dues outstanding at the beginning of the year amounted to \$72.25. The funds are deposited in the Treasurer's name and amount to a \$170.00. There are no liabilities. The furniture is valued at \$200.00 and it is insured for \$150.00. Ex. Comp. W. T. Toner represented the Chapter at Owen Sound.

SIGNET, No. 34, Barrie.—This is one of the Chapters where a meeting could not be arranged for me, owing to unforeseen circumstances. It was a disappointment, as I had looked forward to an inspection which would have afforded me but little trouble and a great deal of pleasure.

The Companions of this Chapter have kept it actively at work in past years, and by close attention to the proper exemplification of the ceremonies have won for themselves a well deserved reputation. Signet Chapter numbers within its fold some of the best and brightest Companions in the jurisdiction. Yet the Scribe E. reports no additions to the membership, within the year, although 12 regular convocations were held. Barrie might have been expected to have made a better showing. The number of Companions on the roll is 45, and the average attendance from ten to twelve. The outstanding dues at the end of the year amounted to \$145.25, and the collections to \$72.00. The Treasurer, M. E. Comp. Spry, deposits the funds in his own name. The Chapter furniture etc. is valued at \$250.00, and is uninsured. Ex. Comp. Mcawatt was the Chapter's representative at the Grand Chapter.

SEYMOUR, No. 38, Bradford.—This charter ought to be recalled at once. No consideration should be shown to Companions who do not possess courtesy enough to even reply to communications addressed to them. To continue to return this Chapter on the roll year after year is mistaken leniency, and is a hindrance to the Chapters in the same district. With the experience of most of my predecessors added to my own I can urge without hesitation that Grand Chapter would only be doing its duty if Seymour Chapter was erased from the register. To numerous letters which I addressed to the companions in Bradford no reply was vouchsafed and from the condition of affairs reported by previous superintendents I am convinced that the Chapter is beyond redemption.

Twelve months ago R. Ex. Comp. Postlethwaite closed his report of this Chapter with the announcement that it was dead. I hope I may now be allowed to close mine with the recommendation that it be buried.

GEORGIAN, No. 56, Owen Sound.—From the account given of this Chapter by the superintending officers who visited it in past years, I had hoped to have had the pleasure of adding my testimony to theirs. Unfortunately however, the Companions there were unable to so arrange matters as to fix a night that we could meet. The absence of the S. E. who had removed from the town occasioned a delay, which might have been overcome had the First Principal been aware of the nature of the correspondence. When I did communicate with him it was at a season when public matters engaged his attention for a considerable time with a great many of that Chapter, and although I made several efforts to bring about a meeting, circumstances interposed to prevent it. It will be seen from the statistics furnished me by the First Principal, E. Comp. Dr. Cameron, that they have not been idle, 13 meetings having been held during the year. I have every reason to believe Georgian Chapter is progressing and will not take a back-

ward step. The roll has been increased by the addition of 2 companions. The register shows now 40 members with an average attendance of 12. The Scribe E. was unable to enlighten me as to the amount of dues outstanding and collected, likewise the assets and liabilities, and on the subject of the value of the furniture and whether it was insured, he expressed a similiar want of knowledge. The 3 principals attended the Grand Chapter at last Annual Convocation.

DORIC, No. 60, Newmarket.—The two visits which I paid to this Chapter were of the most pleasurable nature. The attendance on each occasion was good, the welcome accorded me fraternal, and the work I witnessed above the average. On November 6th I saw two brethren exalted. Ex. Comp. Allen, Z., performed the work with his officers in a manner which reflected credit on himself and Doric Chapter. The companions who witnessed this Chapter conduct the Supreme degree at a Chapter of Instruction in Toronto Street Hall, a little over two years ago, will understand me when I say that the working was in every particular perfect. Ex. Comp. Allen seemed to have re-awakened the companions of the siesta which they indulged in after the active term of R. E. Comp. Widdifield, and they again show every indication of continuing in the path of industry. At my visit 5th of February I had the pleasure of seeing the M.M.M. degree worked by V. Ex Comp. Borngasser, an old and zealous, past Z., and on the same occasion I installed the newly elected officers, Ex. Comp. Thos. H. Brunton taking the First Principal's sceptre, which I am confident he can wield to the entire satisfaction of Doric Chapter and the district. Eleven meetings were held during the year, two of which were emergent. They have an average attendance of fourteen and a membership of twenty-seven, but like many of the other Chapters are afflicted with companions who are negligent in paying up. The outstanding dues are \$144.62 and the collections but \$48.21. R. E. Comp. Widdifield banks the funds in his own name. They rent the Tuscan Lodge Room and their furniture valued at \$160.00 is insured. The Chapter claims to be out of debt. E. Comp. Allan was its representative at Grand Chapter.

YORK No. 62, Eglington.—Since the Chapter took on a new lease of life it has displayed a noticeable activity, which, if continued, will make it one of the best in the district. On April 10th I was welcomed to York Chapter by the attendance that would have done credit to any of the city Chapters, and saw the R. A degree given by Ex. Comp. W. Roaf and his officers in an exceedingly correct manner. The Municipal changes of recent date in this locality will probably have the effect of strengthening the Craft work in the neighborhood of Eglington, and York Chapter will in consequence experience a corresponding benefit. The officers are all earnest workers, and, aided by the old veterans, will not permit the Chapter to languish.

The Scribe E. was unable to inform me as to the amount of dues outstanding and collected, but says the Chapter is clear of debt. The furniture, he states, is valued at \$233.00, but omits to say whether it is secured by insurance. Out of 41 members the Chapter enjoys an average attendance of 14, and 11 regular meetings were held during the year. Ex. Comp. W. Roaf represented the Chapter at Owen Sound.

ST. PAUL'S No. 65, Toronto.—This Chapter enjoys a well-earned reputation for accuracy in work and maintains it year after year. It is a positive pleasure to visit and witness the manner in which the ceremonies of each degree are conducted. The system of instruction and drill which the officers systematically observe, tends not only to keep them perfect in their

work, but ensures a large attendance at each convocation and keeps alive the interest among the ordinary companions. On November 13th, I paid my first official visit and notwithstanding that the weather was boisterous the attendance was very fair. The first Principal Ex. Comp. A. D. Ponton conducted the ceremony in the Supreme degree and carried it out to the end, assisted by his officers in a faultless manner. The next time I visited, which was at a regular convocation in February, I saw the M.M.M. degree worked by the newly installed J, Ex. Comp. Sheply, impressively and perfectly. On April 9th, the R.A.M. degree was worked by Ex. Comp. Benj. Allan, Z., and in every particular it was carried out with praiseworthy accuracy. On all these occasions the subordinate officers were in their places and every companion was thoroughly conversant with the part assigned to him.

May 4th was a memorable occasion in the history of the Chapter, being the fifteenth anniversary of its formation. In addition to a full attendance of the companions of the Chapter and other city Chapters, there was a number of visitors from Hamilton. It was probably one of the largest gatherings of the Royal Craft that has been seen in the city for years. R. Ex. Comp. T. F. Blackwood marked the event by reading an interesting historical paper. Ex. Comp. Allan, Z., again exemplified the R.A. degree to the gratification of all present.

On the occasion of my fifth and last visit, I had the pleasure of witnessing the work of the P.M. and M.E.M. rendered by Ex. Comp. Eakins, H, in both of which he sustained the good name of St. Paul's Chapter.

Without desiring to draw any comparisons or make distinctions that might be considered partial I would only be doing justice to these zealous companions by stating, that in my opinion, their Chapter is the best in the district. Financially it is in excellent condition, proper regard being paid to the collection of dues, over \$550.00 being gathered in up to June 30th, leaving \$153.00 outstanding. The membership totals eighty-eight, fourteen of whom were added within the year. The Chapter has an average attendance of twenty-four. The finances are cared for by R. Ex. Comp. T. F. Blackwood, who deposits the funds in his own name.

The Chapter room is rented from Ashlar Lodge, is handsomely furnished and fully insured. The assets on 31st December was \$781.88. Liabilities nil.

At Grand Chapter convocation, St. Paul's was represented by M. Ex. Comp. F. J. Menet.

OCCIDENT No. 77, Toronto.—My official visits to this Chapter, of which I am myself a member, numbered five. The first occurred on Oct. 14th, on which occasion there was a good average attendance, and the M. E. M. degree was given by Ex. Comp. Wm. Riddle Z., with a close attention to the impressiveness necessary. - At the regular convocation a month following I again visited and saw the R. A. degree given by the same officer. His work all through being such as to call forth general praise from the companions present.

On January 13th at the request of the officers I conducted the ceremony of installation before a very large attendance of the companions.

The three subordinate degrees were worked on May 12, in my presence, by the newly installed Second and Third Principals, who acquitted themselves in a very creditable manner, but the Supreme degree, which was exemplified at the June convocation, was not as perfect as it might have been under more favorable circumstances. The First Principal, about this

time, was engaged in public matters, which demanded most of the time he would otherwise have devoted to the Chapter work. The other officers rendered their portions of the ceremony accurately from the Masters of the Veils to the Second Principal inclusive, and before the expiration of their term, I believe the work will be fully up to the standard so much required.

There was an average attendance in this Chapter out of the twelve regular convocations held, of sixteen, in a total membership of sixty-six. Four companions were added during the year. \$200.00 were collected for dues up to the 30th June and \$203.00 remain outstanding. The money is deposited in the name of the Treasurer and First Principal. The assets are stated to be \$303.00. Liabilities \$215.00. The Chapter rents the Blue Lodge room, and its furniture is fully insured. At Owen Sound, R. E. Comp. Hetherington was the representative at Grand Chapter.

ORIENT, No. 79, Toronto.—The removal of this Chapter to the hall occupied by the Blue Lodge of the same title has, as predicted, been a beneficial one in many respects. During the year it has given solid evidence that it has gone there to stay and the prospects if not as promising as those of other city Chapters, leave the hope that Orient will not be behind in the race for supremacy.

The attendance when I first visited on the 26th December was small, the night being unfavorable for a good turn out. There were no degrees worked and the election of officers being conducted quietly and harmoniously, Ex. Comp. Bates presiding. On my second visit some months later, viz., May 23rd, the attendance was much augmented and the appearance of the Chapter considerably improved. Good progress has been made in the interval and the newly installed officers had apparently been working up matters to the benefit of the Chapter.

The M. M. M. degree was very accurately worked by Ex. Comp. Percy Hill and the M. E. M. degree by Comp. F. Anderson, II, the subordinate chairs were well filled and the entire ceremony showed a most deserving desire to master the details of the ritual. There is a very cheery outlook for Orient Chapter under the present management. It now has on the roll fifty-two members and the twelve regular meetings held show an average attendance of fifteen up to June the 30th. \$119.25 had been collected in dues, leaving \$94.50 still to be paid up. The funds do not seem to be deposited in the usual way. It rents the Orient Lodge room, where its furniture is valued at \$145.00. Not insured. The assets are stated to be \$366.00. Liabilities none. Chapter was represented by Ex. Comp. Ira Bates.

MACPHERSON, No. 86, Meaford.—This Chapter with its comparatively small membership has always a fairly good attendance. When I visited them on January 9th, they extended to me a very hearty and hospitable welcome. I had the pleasure of installing the officers, two of whom, (viz., the Second and Third Principals) were absent through illness, but were subsequently inducted into office by dispensation. There were some seventeen companions to meet me and the Ex. Z. Comp. Matthews worked the M. E. M. degree for me in very creditable shape. The Chapter meets in the Blue Lodge room, which is suitably appointed and altogether the companions seem to be in a prosperous condition. From an examination of the books which are very neatly kept, it would appear that the future of this Chapter is assured. It draws its sustenance from the two Lodges in Meaford and Clarksburg, and on their prosperity depends largely its progress. The Chapter however is in good hands and will not suffer from

want of attention at the hands of its officers. At the end of the year it had twenty-seven members, five having been added. They had nine regular and five emergent convocations, and an average attendance of twelve. \$34.00 was collected in dues and \$53.00 are still at the wrong side of the account. Comp. Sparling takes charge of the funds but does not bank them. The hall is rented and the furniture and appointments are in good condition and insured. Ex. Comp. J. F. Matthews looked after the interest of his Chapter at the Grand Chapter convocation at Owen Sound.

SPRY, No. 92, Alliston.—The remarks which are appended to my notice of Seymour Chapter, may with equal justice and propriety be applied to this. It is dead and only waits a speedy interment. There is not the slightest outward or visible sign that it can ever be resuscitated. It has been allowed to lie too long, and the fact that the charter still hangs upon the wall of the Blue Lodge room at Alliston is not creditable either to the companions of that place or conducive to the best interests of Royal Arch Masonry elsewhere. From one companion only did I receive a reply to my numerous enquiries, and he gave such a doleful account of matters that it left me no choice but to abandon all further attempts at an awakening. It is labor lost to try to infuse life into a corpse. I would therefore recommend, as in the other instance, that the charter and appointments, if any, be at once secured and surrendered to the custody of the G. S. E.

ANTIQUITY No. 91, Toronto.—This is one of the Chapters which it is profitable as well as pleasurable to visit. The degrees from first to last are invariably well worked, and there is always a large attendance of Companions to see them. From an examination of the books which are a credit to the S. E. R. Ex. Comp. Dr. Rowe, I find that out of some eighteen meetings held within the year, scarcely one has been permitted to pass without one or more of the degrees being conferred.

I visited Antiquity thrice within my term, and have had the pleasure of seeing the four degrees worked, and worked well. On the 14th January, my predecessor installed the officers, and I was then pleased to hear V. E. Comp. Bennett the out-going Z., announce that during his year he had added twenty-three zealous Masons to the Roll, and from what I see this year, the chances are that his record will be equalled if not excelled, as during the twelve months just ended seventeen candidates have come forward. On May 13th it was my privilege to see the Royal Arch degree worked by E. Comp. W. R. Cavell Z. and his officers, and throughout there was little if anything to find fault with. On the 27th of June the three subordinate degrees were worked for my inspection, Ex. Comp. J. G. Dickson J. taking the M. M. M., and both these officers may be said to have been letter perfect.

This Chapter, like a great many others, suffers from a laxity in the subordinate officers, although on every occasion that I have seen the degrees illustrated, there have not been wanting Companions willing and able to fill the gaps caused by absence. The material accepted in "Antiquity" according to my observation, should, in a short time, make it on a par with the best. It is composed of Companions who are anxious to keep up the good name of their Chapter, and who will not allow the tares to injure the wheat. There are now 61 members on the roll of Antiquity up to June 30—12 regular and 6 emergent Convocations being held, and the average attendance of 23. \$153.00 dues were collected, and \$16.00 in arrears. The funds are banked in the Treasurer's name and the well-appointed hall is rented from Zeta lodge. The assets are estimated at \$383.89, and the

furniture, Regalia &c. is fully insured. The Chapter was represented at Grand Chapter by the First Principal.

TUSCAN, No. 95, Brampton.—This is the baby Chapter of the district and to all appearances is a healthy thriving infant. It is feeding well and the nourishment administered to it is of the most strengthening material. Those who are responsible for this charge are anxious to see it grow, and spare no trouble in their efforts to ward off the thousand natural shocks that juveniles of tender nature are subject to. I have visited Brampton three times and had the pleasure of mingling with as earnest a body of companions as it has been my good fortune to encounter during the year. They cannot of course boast of being strong numerically but their intentions are earnest, and their welcome was as hearty as I have experienced anywhere. The election of officers was the first convocation, at which I assisted and everything passed off happily. This was in December, and regrets were expressed on the occasion that it so happened there were no degrees to be worked. I, however, inspected their books and saw that the prospect for Tuscan Chapter was satisfactory. At the invitation of the companions I visited again the following month and installed the officers, the attendance being large, many well known craftsmen of the city of Toronto being present.

On the 26th May I was accompanied on my third visit by several city companions and they were well pleased with the manner in which Ex. Comp A. Morton, H., conducted the P.M. and M.E.M. degrees. One of the features of the degrees worked on this evening, which pleased me more than anything else, was the perfect manner in which the several candidates were prepared for the ceremony. The questions in every instance being answered accurately and promptly. The Chapter is under the guidance of E. Comp. John Colvin, Z, who since its organization has evinced the greatest interest in its progress. Ex. Comp. McFadden is the present Third Principal, and is a painstaking officer in that position. The prospects for Tuscan Chapter are such as give hope for the future, applications being fairly numerous from the Masonic centres within easy distance. Fourteen convocations were held during the year, four of them emergent. It has forty members and the average attendance is twelve. The S.E. failed to give me information with regard to the dues and other matters required. The assets amount to about \$100.00 and the property of the Chapter is insured. The Chapter was represented at Grand Chapter by V. E. Comp. Bennett and M. E. Comp. Sargent.

Glancing over the inspections of the year and the returns furnished me, by the several chapters, I can come to no other conclusion than that the district has made distinct progress, perhaps not as much as the most enthusiastic would expect, but still of so decided an advance that the Royal Arch Companions of the Toronto district can have no reason to be ashamed of the results. At the outset of my year I was careful to enjoin upon the various chapters the necessity for close attention to the subordinate degrees as I had observed that in the past the Supreme degree had monopolized the greater portion of the time devoted by study to ritual. I am happy to state that in the majority of instances the advice I then gave has been faithfully observed, and a very satisfactory improvement is everywhere noticeable in the working of the three primary degrees, without at all impairing or lessening the interest which the R. A. has always hitherto demanded. I may add that this gratifying result is especially to be noticed in the M. E. M., which in the past was too often glossed over in the least communicative fashion.

But while as regards Ritual there is much to report favorably, some of the old complaints in other directions are as glaring as ever. Too many Chapters allow their membership to be burdened with Companions who fail to pay dues. Even as the inactive or dead Chapters have an injurious effect on others, so inactive and careless Companions breed a spirit of indifference and negligence that is year after year weakening the vitality which should be the basis of its real strength. The cure has been suggested over and over again, but the mistaken reluctance to adopt severe measures, prevents the good being accomplished. Companions who will not pay dues, should, like the chapters already referred to, be removed from the roll. To continue them in order to show a strong muster in the annual returns, is doing a grievous injustice to the Chapters.

I have noticed during my several visitations an omission that I have deferred mentioning until the present, because by placing it before the Companions in this shape it may lead to its being the better observed in future. The Constitution provides that every Royal Arch Mason must attend his Chapter in Royal Arch clothing, but it is a regulation that outside of the officers, is more honored in the breach than in the observance, it will also be remembered that a leading duty of one of the officers is to admit only those who, in addition to other necessary qualifications, are "properly clothed as Royal Arch Masons," and so common has the violation of the law become that the non-observance of the officers' "duty" is on every occasion passed over without even a comment. If the Constitution is worth having it is worth obeying.

I might also be pardoned if I suggest an important matter that needs the attention of Grand Chapter as well as its subordinates, namely the registration of Marks. It is in very few instances that it is observed at all, and considering the impressiveness with which it is brought to the notice of the "advancing" candidate for further light, I am of the opinion that the subject is worth more attention than is ordinarily given to it. It would enhance the value and importance of the degree if the registration of the "Mark Masters Masons Mark" were made imperative.

To the companions of this district the news of the death of Most Excellent Companion Judge Macpherson, P.G. Z., which occurred in August last, occasioned profound regret. His devotion to Royal Arch Masonry was nowhere more appreciated than by the Companions of the Toronto district, who realized that in his taking off a wide gap had been made in the ranks.

I cannot close without again expressing my gratification at being able to report so favorably of Royal Arch matters in this district. At no point where the Chapters are meeting have I seen anything that would tend to foster disunion and rupture the harmonious relationship which my predecessor left to me as a happy legacy.

To the companions generally I am indebted for many expressions of kindness and good-will; my numerous imperfections they have generously been blind to, and my good points they have been pleased to make much of. To many of them individually I desire to extend my sincere thanks for their willingness to aid me at all times, but I cannot forbear mentioning in particular the name of one who never tired in his efforts to assist me, and who was ever ready to follow when I called, I allude to Ex. Comp. Robt. Oliver, the Z. of King Solomon's Chapter, who has been my willing companion in most of my visitations, and whose wise and kindly suggestions I have ever found most opportune and valuable. I trust the harmony and

prosperity which now prevail in the Toronto district may continue to characterize it for all time.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

JNO. HETHERINGTON,
Grand Supt. Toronto District.

ONTARIO DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent, the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

I have the honor to submit the following as to the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in Ontario District.

PENTALPHA, No. 28.—Which was chartered to meet at Oshawa, and which, by dispensation, was permitted to change its place of meeting to Bowmanville, has now, with the consent and approval of all concerned, been granted by me a dispensation to return to Oshawa, at which place its meetings will in future be held. The double change has worked greatly to the advantage of the Chapter, so far as the interest taken in its progress by Oshawa Blue Lodge members is concerned, and seven applications for membership in the Chapter have been received since its removal last month. I believe that this Chapter has now entered a new era of prosperity.

KEYSTONE, No. 35.—Meets at Whitby, when it meets at all, but I have not, during my term of office, received any notice of a convocation of this Chapter, and have reason to believe that little, if any progress, has been made by it during the past year, though it possesses good working members and should make a better showing.

CORINTHIAN, No. 36.—Meets at Peterborough, and has prospered greatly during the past year, doing work at every regular meeting during that period. The outlook for this Chapter is excellent, and it is possessed of an able staff of officers.

VICTORIA, No. 37.—Meets at Port Hope, and began the year with five applications. This Chapter appears to be in a healthy condition.

EXCELSIOR, No. 45, Colborne.—Has not sent to me any notice of meetings, and appears to be in a most unsatisfactory condition. I must renew the recommendation of my predecessor in office, that this Chapter be summoned to show cause why its charter should not be withdrawn.

ST. JOHN'S, No. 48.—Meets at Cobourg, but appears to be making little, if any, progress, as only one notice of meeting has been received of it during the current year.

MIDLAND, No. 94.—Meets at Lindsay, and is in a flourishing condition, meeting with great regularity, and having continual accessions to its membership.

I granted a dispensation to Midland Chapter to appear in public procession, clothed as Royal Arch Masons.

There has been no complaint made to me during my term of office.

In my opinion, the lack of interest in many Chapters is chiefly owing to the fact that the work has not for a long period been fully and properly exemplified in such Chapters, and I beg to suggest that the interest in all the Chapters would be greatly increased if the Grand Chapter were to engage some companion, of sufficient skill, to attend, at least, one meeting of each Chapter, in each year, and exemplify the work fully.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

R. McCaw,
Grand Supt. Ontario District.

CENTRAL DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent, the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

I have the honor herewith to submit my report on the Condition of Royal Arch Masonry, in the Central District, for the past year.

I regret, however, to say that, owing to the enfeebled condition of my health, I have not been able to visit the various Chapters in the District as I would like to have done. Where I was not able to visit, I endeavored by correspondence to keep alive the interest in the Royal Craft, and cannot say, with respect to some Chapters, at any rate, that I have not been successful. Shortly after I commenced the duties of Grand Supt. in company with R. E. Comp. J. J. Mason and Donald Ross, I visited Brockville to enquire into the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in that town. After full investigation and mature deliberation, we concluded that it would be for the benefit of the Royal Craft that St. Lawrence Chapter should receive a warrant. Although the Companions of St. Lawrence Chapter have been working under a disadvantage, yet they have done well. I had the pleasure of visiting them, and must say that I never saw the "work" better done in any other Chapter. I have no hesitation in recommending that a Warrant be granted to St. Lawrence Chapter, at the ensuing session of Grand Chapter.

I had no opportunity of visiting Ancient Frontenac, No. 1, Kingston, and Sussex, No. 59, but have reason to believe, from correspondence, that they are doing well.

Carleton Chapter, No. 16, has had an exceptionally good year. I have had occasion to visit the Chapter frequently, and can testify to the excellent manner in which the work is rendered. Nine regular and three emergent meetings have been held, and five candidates initiated.

Of Grenville, No. 22, Prescott, I can say but little, having had but one communication from them in the year.

Pembroke Chapter, No. 58, has been dormant for some time, and I was exceedingly anxious for the Companions in that town to throw some life into the Chapter. I, therefore, entered into correspondence with Ex. Comp. Burritt, with a view of the Chapter being resuscitated. All arrangements were made for a number of Ottawa Companions to proceed to Pembroke, and assist in the re-opening of the Chapter, and Comp. Burritt was asked to name the day, but, as yet, I have not received any answer to my communication.

I installed the officers of Granite Chapter, No. 61, Almonte, but cannot report the Chapter to be flourishing, so many of the members having left town.

Maitland Chapter, No. 68, North Augusta, wrote to me that they would not be able to hold a meeting on the evening I desired to visit them, and I had no communication with them since.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

DAVID TAYLOR,
Grand Supt.

PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent, the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

I have the honor to submit herewith my annual report as Grand Superintendent of Prince Edward District.

MOIRA CHAPTER, No. 7, meets at Belleville, and has a membership of 94. The attendance has been very good. Number of initiations, 5. The Chapter is in a splendid financial position, having about \$3,000 in real estate, etc. The books of the Chapter are properly kept. Cash is paid over to the Treasurer. The prospects of the Chapter are good, with Ex. Comp. McGinnis as Z, ably assisted by Rt. Ex. Comp. Farley, P. G. S.

ST. MARK'S No 26, Trenton.—This Chapter was granted a warrant at the last annual convocation of Grand Chapter. On Feb. 5th, 1890, Most Ex. Comp. Ross, and Rt. Ex. Comp. Warring of P. E. Chapter, No. 31, ably assisted by Most Ex. Comp. R. Hendry, jr., of Ancient Frontenac Chapter, No. 1, Kingston, visited this Chapter and installed the officers, with the exception of the second Principal. On June 11th, Rt. Ex. Comp. Warring, together with Ex. Comp. Case, paid a visit to the Chapter and completed the list of officers by installing Ex. Comp. G. E. R. Wilson, Second Principal. The membership is now 28. During the year six Companions have been exalted. The Chapter is well provided with all paraphernalia, necessary books etc., to ably carry on the work. Returns to G. S. E. have been made; receipts of all moneys are promptly paid over to the Treasurer, and the books as a whole are well and correctly kept. The outlook for Capitular Masonry in Trenton is very promising, and the prospects of St. Mark's Chapter are encouraging. For this very favorable condition I with pleasure acknowledge the untiring efforts of Ex. Comp. (Rev.) Wm. Thos. Wilkins, the First Principal, his staff of officers, and Rt. Ex. Comp. Warring, P.G.S.

PRINCE EDWARD CHAPTER No. 31, Picton.—This Chapter has a membership of 57. Returns have been properly made to G.S.E. Regular convocations are held. There was 1 exaltation. Books are properly kept, and all moneys received are promptly handed over to the Treasurer. Being entirely in an agricultural district, the Chapter has felt the general depression in a lack of candidates, for further advancement. However, I am free to state that, with the prospect of a bountiful harvest, the Chapter will go on and upward.

MOUNT SINAI CHAPTER No. 44, Napanee.—Number of members 44; regular convocations are held; there were two exaltations, one restoration, and one joining. Books are properly kept. Cash promptly paid over to the proper party; about \$150.00 cash on hand; no liabilities; Chapter was represented at Grand Chapter by Rt. Ex. Comp. Walters. The prospect for the future of this Chapter is very hopeful.

There have been no appeals to me during the year. Harmony reigneth in this district of the Royal Craft.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

W. P. REYNOLDS,
Grand Supt. Prince Edward District.

MANITOBA DISTRICT.

LONDON. ENGLAND, June 8th, 1890.

Grand Scribe E. Grand Chapter of R. A. M. Canada, Hamilton, Ont.

DEAR SIR AND R. E. COMP.—I regret to have to say that circumstances rendered it necessary for me to come to England before I had the

opportunity of officially visiting any of the Chapters in my district, excepting Shuniah, No. 82, at Port Arthur. At the time I was arranging my tour of the Chapters, I had to leave home unexpectedly, and I find that I shall not be back in Canada in time to visit them. I have written to my predecessor, R. E. Comp. W. G. Bell, of Winnipeg, asking him to kindly act as a substitute for me, and make the visits, which no doubt he will do if he possibly can.

I am happy to be able to state that I have information that Golden Chapter, Rat Portage, under Ex. Comp. Ferguson, has been much improved during the year. All the reports I have had from the other Chapters in the district, lead me to believe they are prosperous.

From some communication I have had with a member of the Chapter at Victoria, B. C., I am led to the hope that it will return its present charter, and apply for one from the Grand Chapter of Canada. I purposed going to Victoria, after visiting the Chapters at Vancouver, but that was frustrated like the other visits I contemplated. No doubt my successor will consummate the change.

SHUNIAH CHAPTER, No. 32, Port Arthur.—I paid my first official visit to this Chapter on the evening of December 6th, 1889. Ex. Comp. James A. Fraser presided, supported by Ex. Comp. A. W. Thompson, acting H., and Ex. Comp. J. E. Johnson, J. After routine business and election of officers in the Royal Arch, I witnessed the conferring of the Mark Master degree on two candidates, which was well done. On the 31st of January, 1890, I again visited this Chapter, on which occasion, after routine in the Royal Arch, the Past Master degree was conferred. I am happy to be able to congratulate Shuniah Chapter on having a most capable and earnest First Principal, whilst his assistants are also deserving of praise. I examined the books of the Chapter, and found them in excellent condition, and the Chapter flourishing.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

I have the honor to remain,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

S. W. RAY,

Grand Supt. Manitoba District.

To the Most Excellent, the Grand Z., Officers, and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

On behalf of R. Ex. Comp. S. W. Ray, Grand Superintendent, who is unavoidably in England, I beg leave to report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in Manitoba.

PRINCE RUPERT, No. 52, Winnipeg.—This Chapter continues to enjoy the greatest prosperity. During the year it has exalted twenty-one; affiliated one; has had all its regular convocations and seven emergencies; has had an average attendance of thirty-five. Cash on hand \$560.00; paraphernalia \$600.00, insured. The officers take a pride in their work, which is done in a very impressive manner. This Chapter can justly claim to be one of the most progressive Chapters in Canada.

KEYSTONE, No. 99, Portage la Prairie—I visited this Chapter twice during the year, and found the convocations largely attended, and the work done in a manner that would reflect credit on any Chapter. They meet in a commodious and well furnished hall, and have expended a considerable sum on paraphernalia. They have done a considerable amount of work during the year, but I am without the data necessary to give information as to the number of degrees given.

CORINTHIAN, U. D., Boissevain, Man.—By the authority of the M. Ex., the Grand Z., and at the request of Rt. Ex. Comp. Ray, on April 11, accompanied by Rt. Ex. Comp. John Leslie, and Comps. Haddock and Westbrook, I went to Boissevain for the purpose of instituting this Chapter. Owing to the train being late, we did not reach the hall until midnight. This necessitated our working until daylight next morning. After instituting the Chapter and installing the officers with the assistance of the companions who accompanied me, I gave all the degrees to the four candidates, the newly installed Principals giving the lectures in the different degrees in a manner which fairly astonished us. I have to thank the Boissevain companions for the very hospitable and fraternal manner in which we were treated. Since this Chapter has been instituted, it has exalted eight companions, and has enough work ahead of it to keep it fully employed for some time. With such energetic and intelligent companions, as compose this Chapter, there can be no doubt of its success. I would heartily recommend that it receive its charter.

I regret that I am unable to give a comprehensive and detailed report of these Chapters, but Rt. Ex. Comp. Ray's letter asking me to do so only reached me on the eve of my departure for Ontario.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

WM. G. BELL,
Past Grand Supt.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. J. J. Mason, seconded by R. E. Comp. John E. Harding, and

Resolved, That the reports of the Grand Superintendents of Districts be referred to the Executive Committee to report thereon during the present convocation of Grand Chapter.

R. E. Comp. David McLellan, Grand Scribe E. submitted his annual cash statement of moneys received during the year, together with the books, etc., and in the absence of R. E. Comp. Edward Mitchell, Grand Treasurer, he presented the annual statement of receipts and disbursements with vouchers attached.

CASH STATEMENT.

1890.		1889.		
June 30.	To Receipts	\$9440 30	July 2.	By Grand Treasurer \$ 304 40
			" 31.	" " " 166 30
			Aug. 31.	" " " 16 50
			Sept. 3.	" " " 6804 00
			" 30.	" " " 23 00
			Oct. 31.	" " " 12 00
			Nov. 30.	" " " 33 20
			Dec. 13.	" " " 22 85
			" 31.	" " " 11 40
			1890.	
			Jan. 3.	" " " 187 50
			" 31.	" " " 27 20
			Feb. 28.	" " " 18 00
			March 1.	" " " 196 16
			" 31.	" " " 129 90
			April 30.	" " " 22 00
			May 31.	" " " 217 53
			June 30.	" " " 1248 36
		\$9440 30		\$9440 30

ANNUAL STATEMENT, 30th June, 1890.

DAVID MCLELLAN, G. S. E., IN ACCOUNT WITH GRAND CHAPTER.

No. 1—Anc. Fron. and Cat'a....	\$53 90	No. 61—Granite.....	8 00
" 2—The Hiram.....	57 70	" 63—Havelock.....	12 20
" 3—St. John's.....	36 40	" 64—Willson.....	12 60
" 4—St. Andrew and St. John.	50 00	" 65—St. Paul's.....	56 90
" 5—St. George's.....	23 40	" 66—The Malloch.....	8 80
" 6—St. John's.....	121 30	" 69—Grimsby.....	5 80
" 7—Moirs.....	34 20	" 71—Prince of Wales.....	8 40
" 8—King Solomon's.....	37 20	" 73—Erie.....	60 00
" 15—Wawanosh.....	43 80	" 75—St. Clair.....	5 20
" 16—Carleton.....	36 70	" 76—Mount Nebo.....	8 40
" 18—Oxford.....	48 50	" 77—Occident.....	22 20
" 19—Mount Moriah.....	35 60	" 79—Orient.....	38 30
" 20—Mount Horeb.....	50 40	" 80—Ark.....	11 30
" 22—Grenville.....	17 00	" 81—Aylmer.....	11 80
" 23—Ezra.....	5 00	" 82—Shuniah.....	31 00
" 24—Tecumseh.....	8 30	" 83—Ionic.....	30 70
" 26—St. Mark's.....	45 60	" 84—Lebanon.....	5 60
" 27—Manitou.....	13 90	" 85—Exeter.....	10 60
" 28—Pentalpha.....	8 80	" 86—Macpherson.....	18 10
" 30—Huron.....	21 40	" 88—Macnabb.....	3 80
" 31—Prince Edward.....	13 50	" 90—Golden.....	19 20
" 32—Waterloo.....	19 60	" 91—Antiquity.....	65 10
" 34—Signet.....	1 00	" 94—Midland.....	36 70
" 36—Corinthian.....	27 40	" 95—Tuscan.....	25 20
" 37—Victoria.....	29 40	" 97—City of Melbourne.....	25 36
" 40—Guelph.....	28 80	" 98—Vancouver.....	15 00
" 41—Harris.....	14 00	" 99—Keystone.....	54 10
" 44—Mount Sinai.....	13 80	U. D. St. Lawrence.....	4 40
" 47—Wellington.....	21 40	" Corinthian.....	65 00
" 48—St. John's.....	5 20	Ceremonies.....	20 00
" 52—Prince Rupert.....	94 30	Bank Interest.....	33 78
" 53—Bruce.....	1 00	Toronto General Trust Co.....	150 00
" 54—Palestine.....	21 90	Western Canada Loan Co.....	337 50
" 55—Niagara.....	10 40	Land Sec. Co.....	116 90
" 57—King Hiram.....	6 40	Landed Banking & Loan Co.....	196 16
" 59—Sussex.....	33 00	Land Sec. Co. Stock Sold.....	6804 00
" 60—Doric.....	12 00		
	\$1,102 20		\$9,440 30

RECAPITULATION OF RECEIPTS.

Certificates.....	\$ 572 00
Dues.....	718 06
Registration Fees.....	360 50
Dispensations.....	64 00
Warrant.....	10 00
Constitutions.....	33 40
Ceremonies.....	44 00
Interest on Western Canada.....	337 50
Interest on Toronto General Trust Co.'s Bond.....	150 00
Interest on Land Security Co.....	116 90
Interest on Bank Deposits.....	33 78
Land Security Co. Stock Sold.....	6804 00
Interest on Landed Bank and Loan Co. to March 1st, 1890.....	196 16
	\$ 9,440 30

April	2.	"	425, Grand Treasurer, quarterly grant for services.....	12 50
"	3.	"	420, Mrs. Fraser, half-yearly grant	10 00
"	"	"	427, G. Scribe E., salary to 10th April.....	175 00
April	5.	"	414, Mrs. McLeod, half-yearly grant	10 00
"	"	"	397, Mrs. McPhail, "	20 00
April	30.	"	426, Mrs. T. B. Harris, quarterly allowance	50 00
June	20.	"	429, Grand Treasurer, "	12 50
"	"	"	428, Rolph, Smith & Co., Certificates	75 00
June	24.	"	430, Mrs. T. B. Harris, quarterly allowance	50 00
"	30.	"	431, Grand Scribe E., salary to 10th July.....	175 00
"	"	"	By Balance.....	1873 67

\$11,645 97

STATEMENT OF ASSETS OF GRAND CHAPTER AS AT 30TH JUNE, 1890.

Debenture Western Canada Loan and Savings Co. at 5 per cent.....	\$4,500 00
Debentures Landed Banking and Loan Co. at 5 per cent	8,000 00
Bond, Toronto General Trusts Co. at 5 per cent	3,000 00
Cash in Canadian Bank of Commerce	1,873 67

\$17,373 67

E. MITCHELL, *Grand Treasurer.*

CANADIAN BANK OF COMMERCE.

HAMILTON, 30th June, 1890.

We hereby certify that the above mentioned Debentures and Bond are in the possession of this Bank for safe keeping on account of E. Mitchell, Grand Treasurer, and that the balance at credit of the said E. Mitchell, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Chapter on the books of this Bank at close of business at this date is One thousand, eight hundred and seventy-three dollars and sixty-seven cents, (\$1873.67).

WM. ROBERTS, *Manager.*
S. READ, JR., *Accountant.*

It was moved by R. E. Comp. J. J. Mason, seconded by R. E. Comp. John E. Harding, and

Resolved, That the annual statement of the Grand Scribe E. and Grand Treasurer be received and referred to the Executive Committee for audit, and report thereon at the present convocation.

M. E. Comp. Henry Robertson, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, presented the report of the committee, which on motion of R. Ex. Comp. J. J. Mason, seconded by R. E. Comp. John E. Harding, was received and ordered to be printed as an appendix to the proceedings.

A telegram was read from R. Ex. Comp. A. G. Smyth, of London, regretting his inability to be present at this convocation, and tendering his fraternal greetings. A letter from R. Ex. Comp. Edward Mitchell, Grand Treasurer was then read, directing the attention of the members of Grand Chapter to the fact that the Debenture of the Western Loan and Savings Co. matures on the 1st November, 1890, and that the Bond of the Toronto Trust Co. expires on the 26th September next. This letter was referred to the Executive Committee, to report thereon at this convocation.

Official letters were also received from the M. Ex. Grand Chapter of the state of Illinois notifying this Grand Chapter of the death of Ex. Comp. James Mayor, Grand King of that jurisdiction, who died at his home in Carthage, Saturday the 3rd August, 1889; also Ex. Comp. Joseph Beyls, Grand Tyler of the same jurisdiction, who died in Paris the 9th March, 1890, in the 75th year of his age. The following Past Grand High Priests from the Grand Chapter of Michigan, M. Ex. Comp. Salathiel C. Coffinberry, who died in the village of Constantine the 20th September, 1889, aged 80 years; M. Ex. Comp. A. Bernard Cudworth, who died 28th June, 1890, at Pontiac, aged 72 years; also M. Ex. Comp. Benjamin Franklin Hallor, Grand Scribe of the General Grand Chapter of the United States,

who died at his home in Memphis, Tenn., on the 4th April, 1890. The following from the Grand Chapter of Ohio, Ex. Comp. Jonathan N. Burr, Past Deputy Grand High Priest, who died at Terre Haute, Indiana, September 7th, 1889, at the advanced age of 89 years, and Past Grand High Priest Daniel A. Scott, who died at Arkron, 23rd January, 1890, in his 69th year. From the Grand Chapter of Vermont, Ex. Comp. William Brinsmaid, Past Deputy Grand High Priest, who died at his home in his native city Burlington, 27th November, 1889, aged 68 years. From the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin, M. Ex. Comp. John Hawkins Rountree, Past Grand High Priest, who died 27th June, 1890, in the city of Platteville, at the age of 85.

Ex. Comp. Samuel Wesley of Barrie and R. Ex. Comp. Wm. G. Bell of Winnipeg, presented their credentials from the Grand Chapters of California and North Dakota respectively, which the M. Ex. the Grand Z was pleased to receive and accept, and the Ex. and R.Ex. Comps. were greeted with the usual Masonic salutations, which were suitably acknowledged.

The Executive Committee beg leave to report as follows.

AUDIT AND FINANCE.

To the Most Excellent, the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

The Committee on Audit and Finance beg to report that they have examined the books of Grand Scribe E. and Grand Treasurer up to June 30th, 1890, and find them correct. The receipts and disbursements have been as follows :

RECEIPTS.	
Cash on hand.....	\$ 2205 67
Certificates.....	572 00
Dues.....	718 06
Registration Fees.....	360 50
Dispensations.....	64 00
Warrant.....	10 00
Constitutions.....	33 40
Ceremonies.....	44 00
Interest of Western Canada Loan Co.....	337 50
" Toronto General Trust.....	150 00
" Land Security Co.....	116 90
" Bank Deposits.....	33 78
Land Security Stock Sold.....	6804 00
Interest on Landed Banking and Loan Co.....	196 16
	\$11645 97
DISBURSEMENTS.	
Printing and Stationery.....	\$ 205 73
Certificates.....	75 00
Insurance.....	5 00
Grand Janitor.....	5 00
Incidentals.....	84 07
Foreign Correspondence.....	50 00
Orders on Benevolence.....	290 00
Grand Scribe E., salary.....	700 00
Grand Treasurer.....	50 00
Grant to Mrs. Harris.....	200 00
Warrants.....	15 00
Engrossing Warrants.....	13 50
Expense of deputation to Brockville.....	79 00
Invested.....	8000 00
Balance on hand.....	1873 67
	\$11645 97
ASSETS.	
Debenture Western Canada Loan and Savings Co.....	\$ 4500 00
Debenture Landed Banking and Loan Co.....	8000 00
Bond Toronto Trust Co.....	3000 00
Cash in Canadian Bank of Commerce.....	1873 67
	\$17373 67

LIABILITIES.

Royal Insurance Co.....	\$ 4 50
Foreign Correspondence.....	50 00
A. McPherson.....	41 50
Grand Scribe E, balance incidentals, 1890.....	9 07
“ advance 1890-1.....	75 00
Grand Z, incidentals.....	50 00
Orders for Benevolence.....	470 00
	\$ 700 07

In accordance with the recommendation of last year, to the Finance Committee in reference to the Stock in the Land Security Co., your committee report that the stock of the Land Security Co. upon which \$2820.00 had been paid was disposed of at a premium of 270, realizing \$6804.00, to which amount was added \$1196.00, making in all \$8000.00, which amount was invested in two debentures, of \$4000.00 each, of the Landed Banking and Loan Co., paying 5% interest.

Notification having been received from the Grand Treasurer that the debenture of the Western Canada Loan and Savings Co., \$4500.00 matures on the 1st November, and the bond of the Toronto Trusts Co., \$3000.00, expires 20th September next. Your committee recommend that the monies be re-invested in the same securities if similar arrangements can be made, if not, the investment of these monies be left to the Grand Z., Grand Treasurer and Grand Scribe E.

The contract for printing having expired, tenders have been invited for printing the proceedings, etc in a condensed form, as per sample furnished them. Your committee recommend that the tender of Hunter, Rose & Co., of Toronto, for three years' printing from 1st June, 1891, be accepted, provided they will print a book of from 100 to 120 pages at the same ratio of price as their present tender is for one of 150 pages.

They further recommend that A. McPherson, of Hamilton, finish the proceedings of this year (as he has the report on Foreign Correspondence in type) with the understanding that the proceedings shall be printed in the condensed form (as per sample pages upon which tenders were invited) at his contract price.

THOS. SARGANT,
Chairman.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. J. J. Mason, seconded by M. E. Comp. Thos. Sargent, and

Resolved, That the report of the Executive Committee on Audit and Finance be received and adopted.

BENEVOLENCE.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

The Executive Committee of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada on Benevolence, begs leave to report.

1. That of the seven private Chapters, viz., No. 6, 8, 29, 30, 34, 44 and 71 through whose First Principals grants of Benevolence were made payable as granted in July, 1889, all those Chapters have made the returns as required by the rules of Grand Chapter.

The private Chapters which made contributions are : No. 30, \$19 ; No. 44, \$15 ; No. 71, \$20 ; No. 8, \$25 ; and those which made no contributions are : No. 6, 29, 34.

2. That the applications presented for relief and for which grants are recommended are as follows :

No.	Name of Grantee.	Amt	Through Whom Payable.
1	Widow of S. H. Blondheim.....	\$ 30	First Principal Anc. Front. and Cat. No. 1.
2	" R. C. Benedict ..	30	" " " " " "
3	" Frederick Bennett, ...	30	" St. John's, No. 6.
4	Comp. John Kennedy.....	50	" " " " " "
5	Widow of J. G. Burns	30	" King Solomon's, No. 8.
6	" W. R. Piggott	20	" Pentalpha, No. 28.
7	" Samuel Walho.....	20	" McCallum, No. 29.
8	Comp. Archibald Couper	50	" " " " " "
9	Widow of Donald McLeod.....	20	" Huron, No. 30.
10	" Malcolm McPhail.....	40	" " " " " "
11	" Robert Ramsay.....	20	" Signet, No. 34.
12	" C. G. Fortier.....	30	" " " " " "
13	" W. B. Wallace.....	20	" Victoria, No. 37.
14	" Francis Bartlett.....	20	" Mount Sinai, No. 44.
15	" John Cheetham.....	20	" " " " " "
16	" Andrew D. Fraser.....	20	" " " " " "
17	" James McVeity.....	20	" Prince of Wales, No. 71.
		\$470	

All of which is fraternally submitted.

OTTO KLOTZ,
Chairman.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. J. J. Mason, seconded by R. E. Comp. Otto Klotz, and

Resolved, That the report of the Executive Committee on Benevolence be received and adopted.

CONDITION OF CAPITULAR MASONRY.

To the Most Excellent, the Grand Z., Officers, and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

Your Executive Committee, guided by that generous feeling, which should characterize Companions, engaged in the reviewal of the self-imposed work of the Grand Superintendents of the Thirteen Districts of this Grand Chapter, begs to present a deliverance, which, it is to be hoped, will meet the approval of the Royal Craft, encourage Companions where the work is weak, and reinforce with new strength those resolutely marching on in the line of progress.

Your Committee, naturally, does not expect heaven-born perfection in the work of all Superintendents, and therefore, fraternally suggests to those who may not have rightly apprehended the lines on which a report should be built, that, by a division of the various departments of the work in preparing a report, a task that is apparently burdensome, may be rendered easy and agreeable. A perusal of the report of this committee in 1887, pages 65-71 of the Proceedings of that year, the blank forms of which are appended to this report, will, your Committee feels assured, afford timely information and suggestions to the brethren who are selected to watch over the district work, in the interests of Grand Chapter.

Your Committee feels that it is but just to note that some of those Companions who have charge of the work in the various districts, have written reports that bear evidence of deep personal interest in their duties, and have handled all the points, which it is essential to review, in a satisfactory manner. This is specially the case in Toronto, as well as in the Huron and Wilson Districts.

A few of the reports could, without prejudicing the work of the Royal Craft, and without encroaching on the time of Grand Superintendents, be strengthened by details, although as to the general review of the work in the several Chapters, these reports are to be commended. This opinion is, in a marked degree, endorsed by a reading of the reports from Wellington, London, Hamilton and St. Clair Districts. Your Committee regrets that, owing to an enfeebled condition of health, an energetic and faithful worker, R. E. Comp. David Taylor, of the Central District, has been unable to visit all the Chapters in his District. From his report, however, we glean cheerful information.

The report from Manitoba is of a supplemental character. Owing to the absence of the Grand Superintendent in Europe, he has been only able to visit one Chapter. His absence is compensated by a brief report from R. E. Comp. W. G. Bell, the Past Grand Superintendent, which gives a fair idea of the work in our western District. The remark of the Grand Superintendent that we are likely to add a Chapter to our roll on the Pacific slope gladdens and encourages your Committee.

The report from Ontario District is not bristling with information. The official visits appear to have been paid by a proxy in the shape of a postal stamp or card. The intimation that "a new era of prosperity" has been entered upon in one Chapter, and that another appears to be "in a healthy condition" are hardly welcome opinions. While the good words of those who volunteer information are not to be disregarded, yet the closer relationship of a personal visit might materially change opinions hastily formed. Ontario District is not singular in this respect.

THE AVERAGE ATTENDANCE.

Your Committee regrets the absence, in many reports, of information regarding the attendance at regular meetings of the Chapters. Taking, however, the membership and attendance of about thirty Chapters, with a membership of about 1,200, your Committee finds that but one-fourth of those on the roll had enough interest in the work to attend the regular meetings. In the Chapters with the largest membership, the percentage of attendance was even less than this, indeed, in one Chapter, with a roll of 100, it was less than twenty per cent; and, in another, with a roll of 150, it was about fifteen per cent. Anxious as your Committee is to congratulate the Companions on success, it feels that, in this particular, the facts, while they may justly hope, do not afford an opportunity for favorable comment.

DUES COLLECTED AND IN ARREAR.

Your Committee is aware of the difficulty there is in connection with the collection of dues, and, here again, it is only possible to form an opinion from partial information. The arrearages—and, in this calculation, are included some of the largest Chapters—amount to an average of \$3.50, while the collections average about \$5.00 per member. This opinion is formed on the reports of 20 Chapters, with a membership of 1000. This is a favorable showing, and, with the average attendance, forms the caputular weather glass, by which we can judge of the advance or decrease of interest in the work. The fact that, in Wilson District, one Chapter has members in arrear for five and ten years, shows an extraordinary want of attention on the part of the executive officers of the Chapter alluded to.

THE ASSETS AND LIABILITIES OF CHAPTERS.

While pecuniary worth is no test of merit, it is gratifying to view the situation from this point. Appropriate and fitting appointments are neces-

sary to the proper exemplification of the work. Many of our Chapters, your Committee is aware, have, without being extravagant, provided themselves with the paraphernalia necessary, in order that the impressiveness of the ritual may be emphasized by proper surroundings. The assets of the Chapters, taking 25 of the largest, from the various districts, amount to about \$10 00 per member, or, for a membership of 1,100 gross assets of \$11,000, and, in this connection, it is important to keep in mind the fact that the liabilities are practically nil. Your Committee has no doubt that fuller information would have enabled it to make even a more favorable showing.

THE WORK OF THE CHAPTERS.

The esoteric work—that all important feature, without which the interest in the Royal Craft would linger and die—can, your Committee feels pleased to state, be reviewed in terms of congratulation. In nearly all the districts, the Grand Superintendents speak, not only hopefully, but with enthusiasm. The impressions that the initiate receives, when seeking the benefits of the Greater Light, we are enabled to give him in his Masonic progress, may make or mar his further interest in the work, and your Committee, without flattering those in charge of the subordinate Chapters, feels that, in almost every case, a consciousness prevails with those officers that whatever is done should be well done, that our legends are meant to create within man, not a desire to wear attractive regalia, and appear to his fellow man as one who had gained eminence by shallow pretensions, but rather to open a new volume in the library of life, and, by rectitude and well doing, day in and day out, show that his work has raised him to a higher plane. Your Committee is assured that the methods adopted by Grand Chapter some years ago, in connection with the rendering of the work, have produced results that cannot be over-estimated.

WHERE THE WORK IS UNSATISFACTORY.

Your Committee hesitates to express opinions that may possibly dishearten and dampen the hopes of those who fondly view the outlook as if all days were sunny and all skies blue. Year after year we have referred to the fields where our work sleeps, and where successive attempts to awaken it, only seem to prolong the lethargy. Your Committee feels that Grand Chapter will not hesitate, after so many warnings, to draw the pen across the roll and recall the warrants of the following Chapters: The Spry, No. 92, at Alliston; Seymour, No. 38, at Bradford; St. James, No. 46, at St. Mary's; Beaver, No. 74, at Strathroy; Minnewawa, No. 78, at Park Hill; Wentworth, No. 87, at Dundas; Excelsior, No. 45, at Colborne; Pembroke, No. 58, at Pembroke. All these Chapters have been reported, some as in a dying state, and others as dead for years. The Grand Superintendents strongly recommend decisive action this year. To keep these Chapters on the roll neither encourages nor enlivens the work of companions nor Superintendents. On the contrary, it blights the interest, and has done and is doing harm. Among the Chapters reported very weak, and practically doing nothing, are Keystone, No. 35, Whitby, and St. John's, No. 48, Cobourg. The Chapter at Oshawa should be able to take in all the material that offers from this section.

THE DISPOSITION OF CHAPTER FUNDS.

Your Committee finds that, in a large percentage of the Chapters, the funds are deposited in the personal names of the Scribe E. or Treasurer. While such a course may entail no loss, your Committee is of opinion that, where banking facilities afford it, it would be well that all funds be deposited

in the name of the Treasurer, and drawn out on the order of the First Principal and Treasurer. While the craft in Canada, on the whole, has been fortunate in respect to the care of its moneys, the example of Grand Chapter should be followed, so that there may be no chance of any loss. The losses which have been entailed in, not only this, but other jurisdictions, are all owing to the want of salutary safeguards.

INSURANCE.

Your Committee feels that, while it has no right to interfere in the internal economy of Chapters, it is guarding the interests of the membership at large by urging every Chapter to insure its effects. Last year, disaster visited many of the craft lodge rooms, and valuable property was destroyed by fire, with only partial, and in some cases no insurance whatever. Some years ago, a Chapter was saved the loss of much valuable property by a timely warning to insure from a Grand Superintendent a week before the fire.

THE CLOTHING OF COMPANIONS.

Your Committee agrees with the Grand Superintendent of the Toronto district, who reports as to the non-use of Royal Arch clothing at the regular meeting of Chapters. This indifference and neglect of companions to attire themselves in the regulation clothing of the Royal Craft, neither evinces interest in the work, nor respect for those who preside over Chapters. In some cases, it may be inconvenient to bring Royal Arch clothing to Chapters, and the suggestion is made that the custom in sister jurisdictions, of having suitable clothing, such as a plain white lambskin, a linen apron, bound with the crimson color of the Royal Arch, in the ante-room, might add to the uniformity of appearance in the Chapter room.

REVIVALS IN THE WORK.

While it is unpleasant to refer to sections where the work is weak, it cheers your Committee to learn that in some few places prosperity has returned. Lebanon Chapter, No. 84, Wingham, and Woodstock, No. 18, Woodstock, can claim revival, while Enterprise, No. 67, Harriston, has shown some doubtful signs of a desire to do better. Your Committee, therefore, is hopeful of improvement in these localities.

ROYAL ARCH MARKS.

The Grand Superintendent of Toronto district notes the neglect of Chapters to keep a register of the Royal Arch marks of companions. In the early days of the Royal Craft in Canada much attention was paid to this particular, and the carefully drawn marks of our forefathers handed down to us in the records of craft lore, take us back with kindly thought to the pioneer companions, who, if not skilled and filled with the knowledge of to-day, yet clung close to old traditions, and were as proud of the selected mark and its appropriateness, as we are to-day of the advancement we have made in the work of the craft. Those who carried the banner in the early days may not have the enterprise of the companions of to-day, but their undying belief in and unchanging reverence for the Sacred Word is a goodly example for those of to-day who follow in their footsteps. May it be that our work, when we finish this material Temple, shall be so fashioned that He, who reigns, may truly say the craftsmen have done their duty.

THE ISSUE OF DISPENSATIONS.

Your Committee fraternally calls the attention of Superintendents to the fact that all dispensations, except those to wear Royal Arch clothing and to remove Chapters from one part of a district to another, must be

issued by the Grand First Principal, from the office of the Grand Scribe E.

Pleasant as it is to meet in our annual convocation, our joy is saddened by the knowledge that some of those who were with us a year ago, have reached their journey's end, and, in long procession to the tomb, have passed through the Gates of Light, to that land where none shall ever die.

Year after year we look forward to the anticipated pleasure of our annual gathering. We greet our Companions with, at least the outward signs of good-will and affection, and perhaps, without a thought, fail to recognize the sad truth that some of those, whose energy and zeal contributed to whatever success we have had in the Royal Craft have been called into the calm of a Great Mercy.

When, in our minds, we call the roll of the dead, and single out, one by one, the friends who were so near our hearts, but who now are gone are we to be chided, if we do cast a longing look for "those eyes, that smile no more, those unreturning feet?"

Death has made many gaps in our households, and those within and without our circle have been taken away. Some have been called in feeble infancy, some in sunny youth, and others, our companions in manhood's prime, while, with not a few, we have parted hands in middle life, when the way seemed long and weary.

One prominent craftsman, who for many years aided the work in all its branches by excellent counsel and advice, was carried to his rest a year ago. In the death of M. E. Comp. Henry Macpherson, a Past Grand First Principal, we lost an earnest craftsman, and one who was ever at his post, a man with matured judgment, and such a knowledge of the rights of citizens that, in his position in civil life, he merited the esteem of all—either as a lawgiver or friend.

Others too are absent. The death change has, indeed, left our hearts more lonely than they were before. We inscribe on that page sacred to the memory of our honored dead, the names of R. E. Comp. William Carey, Past Grand Superintendent of London district, and R. E. Comp. D. McG. Malloch, Past Grand Superintendent Huron district.

We feel assured that the Companions will join with your Committee, in its regrets at the loss of those, who, in times gone by, gladdened us with their speech and welcomed us with their handshake, and extend to the cheerless hearts of widowed ones—the mourning mothers and the orphan children of the craft—that kindly sympathy, which must outpour from all, who believe that the craft-life teaches of things that are better and higher.

J. ROSS ROBERTSON,
Chairman Sub-Committee.

Forms referred to in foregoing Report.

..... District.

Return for the information of the Grand Superintendent.

TO THE SCRIBE E.,

Please fill up answers to all questions, except those marked ‡, and keep this return for the Grand Superintendent.

..... District Scribe E.
..... Chapter, No....., meets at.....
on
Z.'s name and P. O. address.....
S. E.'s name and P. O. address.....

When visited by Grand Superintendent.....
 No. of members on roll..... Average attendance, without visitors.....
 Work done at visit..... M. M..... P.M..... M.E.M.....
 R. A..... by whom.....
 Quality of work of Z. ‡..... Of H. ‡.....
 Of J. ‡..... Of P. S. ‡.....
 What degrees Z. has worked in year June—June.....
 What degrees H. has worked in year June—June.....
 What degrees J. has worked in year June—June.....
 What degrees P. Z.'s have worked in year.....
 Meetings held..... regular..... emergent..... total.....
 Condition of S. E.'s books, ‡.....
 Condition of Treasurer's books, ‡.....
 Is cash received by S. E. promptly paid over to Treasurer? ‡.....
 Are funds deposited in bank?..... In whose name?.....
 If in name of Z. and Treasurer state so..... Dues per year.....
 No. of companions in arrears over one year..... over two..... over three.....
over four..... over five..... longest period any companion is in
 arrears..... Assets, \$..... Liabilities, \$..... Value of
 furniture, \$..... Is it insured, and amount?..... Is inventory
 kept outside of Chapter room?..... Is Hall suitable.....
 Was Chapter represented at last Convocation of Grand Chapter?.....
 Directly or by proxy?..... Opinion as to the future prosperity of
 Chapter.....

..... Chapter, No..... meets at.....
 The Chapter has a membership of....., the average attendance
 exclusive of visitors is..... I visited on..... 189.....
 On the occasion of my visit the..... degree was exemplified by
 The quality of the work of the Z. is.....
 of the H.....
 of the J..... of the P. S.....
 During the year the Z. has exemplified the..... degrees,
 the H..... the J..... and P. Z.'s have exemplified.....
 held..... Regular Convocations have been
 have been missed, for the reason that.....
 The condition of the S. E.'s books is.....
 of the Treasurer is.....
 The cash..... paid over promptly to the Treasurer, and.....
 deposited in the bank to the credit of..... The dues outstanding
 over a year are, \$..... There are..... companions in arrears
 over one year..... over two..... over three..... over four.....
 over five..... The furniture is valued at \$..... is insured for \$
 An inventory is..... kept. The assets are \$.....
 and the liabilities are \$..... The Hall is suitable..... The
 Chapter was represented at Grand Chapter by.....
 The prospects of the Chapter are.....

It was moved by R. E. Comp. J. J. Mason, seconded by R. E. Comp.
 John Ross Robertson, and

Resolved, That the report of the Executive Committee on the condition of Capit-
 ular Masonry be received and adopted.

WARRANTS.

To the Most Excellent, the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

We, the Committee on Warrants, beg leave to report that they have examined the books of Corinthian Chapter, Boissevain, N.W.T., now working under dispensation, would recommend that a warrant be granted them.

Your Committee also take this opportunity of congratulating this Chapter upon the neat and concise manner in which their proceedings are recorded.

All of which is fraternally submitted

DONALD ROSS,
Chairman.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. J. J. Mason, seconded by M. E. Comp. Donald Ross, and

Resolved, That the report of the Executive Committee on Warrants be received and adopted.

GRAND Z.'s ADDRESS.

To the Most Excellent, the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

The Executive Committee, to whom was referred the address of the M. E. Grand Z., beg leave to report,

That it is fully apparent that our distinguished head has duly performed all the duties of his office in a manner deserving of the highest commendation.

His official visits have no doubt stimulated the Chapters and encouraged the officers and companions to continue their efforts for the improvement of Capitular Masonry in their several jurisdictions.

Your Committee are pleased to note the formation of a new Chapter in Manitoba under such favorable circumstances.

The number of dispensations granted for the installation of officers as Z. and H., without previous service in the required chairs of the Council, should lead the Grand Chapter to consider whether an amendment to the Constitution is not desirable to obviate the necessity of this exceptional exercise of authority.

The exchange of representation with other Grand Chapters receives the approval of your Committee, and they would also agree with the suggestion of the M. E. the Grand Z., that these officers should be required to make an annual report of the condition of the Royal Arch in the jurisdiction which they represent.

Your Committee cannot endorse the separation of the annual meeting of Grand Chapter from that of the Grand Lodge. This system works well at present and your Committee think that such a change should not be made without good reason to suppose that it would prove advantageous.

The subject of allowing Chapters to work in any other place than that authorized by their warrants is, in the opinion of your Committee, surrounded by too many difficulties to be thought of at present. Its inconvenience is apparent, and it would certainly not be wise to introduce any element that might occasion jurisdictional complications.

Your Committee are pleased to learn that the finances of Grand Chap-

ter are in such a prosperous condition, evincing as it does great care and attention on the part of the Executive Officers.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

July 18, 1890.

HY. ROBERTSON,
Chairman Sub-Committee.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. J. J. Mason, seconded by M. E. Comp. Henry Robertson, and

Resolved, That the report of the Executive Committee on the address of the M. Ex. the Grand Z., be received and adopted.

R. Ex. Comp. J. J. Mason then presented the following special report of the committee appointed at last annual convocation to enquire into and report upon the differences between the companions in Brockville, to ascertain whether they cannot be amicably arranged.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

At the last annual convocation of Grand Chapter, it was resolved that St. Lawrence Chapter, Brockville, be continued under dispensation for another year, and that a committee be appointed by the Most Excellent the Grand Z. to inquire, in the meantime, into and report upon the differences between the companions in Brockville, to ascertain whether they cannot be amicably arranged.

In accordance with the above resolution, the undersigned having been appointed as the committee, proceeded to Brockville in October last, and met the companions of Sussex Chapter in their Chapter room, where they were joined shortly afterwards by the companions of St. Lawrence Chapter, and the whole subject of the differences that had arisen amongst the Brockville companions was carefully and fully investigated. Ample opportunity was given for discussion and was availed of very fully, and in a very friendly manner.

After a careful consideration of all the facts and circumstances the committee came to the conclusion that at present at all events an amalgamation of the two Chapters could not be brought about, and that the balance of evidence was in favor of the establishment of a second Chapter. They therefore recommend that a warrant be granted to St. Lawrence Chapter.

The Committee are in hopes that their visit to Brockville was productive of good results, and they desire to convey to the companions of Brockville, one and all, their warmest thanks for the fraternal and courteous manner in which they, and the remarks made by them, were received.

Though there may be, and no doubt are, differences of opinion amongst the Brockville companions, they united heartily in making the visit of your committee a pleasant one in every respect.

Fraternally submitted.

J. J. MASON, H.	} Committee.
JOHN E. HARDING, J.	
EDWARD MITCHELL.	
DONALD ROSS.	

It was moved by R. E. Comp. J. J. Mason, seconded by R. E. Comp. John E. Harding, and

Resolved, That the report of the Special Committee *re* the Brockville companions be received and adopted.

The election of officers was then proceeded with, the Grand Scribes acting as scrutineers of the ballot.

The following named companions were declared duly elected.

R. Ex. Comp. J. J. Mason, Hamilton,	- - -	Grand Z.
R. Ex. Comp. John E. Harding, Stratford,	- - -	Grand H.
R. Ex. Comp. John Ross Robertson, Toronto,	- - -	Grand J.
R. Ex. Comp. David McLellan, Hamilton, re-elected,		Grand Scribe E.
Ex. Comp. Samuel Wesley, Barrie,	- - -	Grand Scribe N.
Ex. Comp. R. L. Patterson, Toronto,	- - -	Grand Prin. Soj.
R. Ex. Comp. E. Mitchell, Hamilton, re-elected,	- - -	Grand Treasurer.
V. Ex. Comp. John Hewton, Kingston,	- - -	Grand Registrar.
Comp. John H. Pritchard, Toronto,	- - -	Grand Janitor.

The Grand Chapter was then called from labor for the space of fifteen minutes.

The Grand Chapter resumed labor.

PRESENT.

M. E. Comp. R. B. Hungerford, Grand Z.

R. E. Comp. J. J. Mason, Grand H.

R. E. Comp. John E. Harding, Grand J.

Grand Officers, Members and representatives.

The following companions were nominated by the representatives from the respective districts and approved by the M. Ex. the Grand Z.

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS.

R. Ex. Comp. Thos. McGregor, re-elected, Windsor, St. Clair District.	
Ex. Comp. A. E. Cooper, London,	London "
R. Ex. Comp. M. Walsh, re-elected, Ingersoll,	Wilson "
R. Ex. Comp. John A. Nelles, re-elected, Guelph,	Wellington "
V. Ex. Comp. Jas. A. Frazer, Milton,	Hamilton "
R. Ex. Comp. I. Baker, re-elected, Stratford,	Huron "
R. Ex. Comp. C. G. McDermott, St. Catharines,	Niagara "
V. Ex. Comp. J. F. Mathews, Meaford,	Toronto "
Ex. Comp. B. Dingle, Lindsay,	Ontario "
Ex. Comp. A. McGinnis, Belleville,	Prince Edward "
Ex. Comp. A. Shaw, Kingston,	Central "
Ex. Comp. A. E. J. Durrant, Portage La Prairie,	Manitoba "
R. Ex. Comp. J. D. Drew, Melbourne,	Australia "

The following named companions were elected members of the Executive Committee for the ensuing year.

R. Ex. Comp. Hugh Murray, Hamilton, re-elected.

R. Ex. Comp. William Gibson, Beamsville, re-elected.

R. Ex. Comp. E. T. Malone, Toronto.

R. Ex. Comp. Wm. G. Bell, Winnipeg.

R. Ex. Comp. John Creasor, Owen Sound, re-elected.

The following named companions compose the Committee on Benevolence and are members of the Executive Committee for the following terms.

R. E. Comp. Otto Klotz, Preston, Retires in 1891.

R. E. Comp. John S. Dewar, London, " 1892.

M. E. Comp. Daniel Spry, Barrie, " 1893.

M. Ex. Comp. Thomas Sargent, P.G.Z., then proceeded with the installation and investiture of the newly elected officers, who were proclaimed with the usual Masonic ceremony.

M. Ex. Comp. J. J. Mason. Grand Z., was then pleased to appoint the following companions as members of the Executive Committee for the ensuing year, viz. :

R. E. Comp. A. G. Smyth, London,	Re-appointed.
R. E. Comp. Wm. Forbes, Grimsby,	"
R. E. Comp. Wm. G. Reid, Hamilton,	"
R. E. Comp. J. McL. Stevenson, Barrie,	"
R. E. Comp. John W. Coy, St. Catharines,	"

At a subsequent date, the M. E. Grand Z. was pleased to notify the Grand Scribe E. of the following appointments to office for the ensuing year, viz. :

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

John C. Fox, Orangeville,	- - -	Grand 1st. Asst. Soj.
George Clarke, Toronto,	- - -	" 2nd. "
James Sutherland, Woodstock,	- - -	" Sword Bearer.
Ogden Hinch, Napanee,	- - -	" M. of Veils.
J. H. Hanna, Windsor,	- - -	" Stand Bearer.
J. Adams, Kingston,	- - -	" Dir. of Cer.
F. W. Gearing, Stratford,	- - -	" Organist.
Thos. Irwin, Hamilton,	- - -	" Pursuivant.
Jas. Woods, Sarnia,	- - -	" Steward.
Walter Paterson, Peterborough,	- - -	" "
T. W. Leggo, Winnipeg	- - -	" "
R. E. Fletcher, Barrie,	- - -	" "

The M. Ex. Grand Z. directed that each companion elected or appointed to office not having presented himself for installation or investiture is to be installed or invested in the Chapter of which he is a member.

MOTIONS.

In accordance with notice given at the last Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter.

It was moved by M. Ex. Comp. Donald Ross, seconded by M. Ex. Comp. L. H. Henderson, and

Resolved, That Article XLII. of the Constitution be amended by adding the following words to said article, viz. : "and recommended by the nearest Chapter, if such recommendation be unreasonably withheld it shall be left to the decision of the Grand Z."

It was moved by M. Ex. Comp. R. B. Hungerford, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. John E. Harding, and

Resolved, That the cordial vote of thanks of this Grand Chapter are due and hereby tendered to the Companions of Ancient Frontenac and Cataragui Chapter, No. 1, for their kindly attention, and fraternal and hospitable reception of the officers and representatives of Grand Chapter during their stay in the City of Kingston, as well as for the very satisfactory arrangements made for the Thirty-third Annual Convocation of this Grand Body.

It was moved by M. Ex. Comp. Thomas Sargent, seconded by R. E. Comp. John E. Harding, and

Resolved, That the M. Ex. Grand Z. appoint a committee to procure and present a suitable testimonial to M. E. Comp. R. B. Hungerford, P.G.Z., to mark in an appropriate manner our esteem for him and our appreciation of his valuable services as Grand Z. during the past two years.

The M. Ex. Grand Z. was pleased to appoint the following committee to carry out the above resolution.

M. E. Comp. Thomas Sargent, R. E. Comps. A. B. Munson and John S. Dewar.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

I hereby give notice, that at the next Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter I will move that the 9th section of the Constitution be struck out, and the following substituted for it.

IX. The Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter shall be held on the last Wednesday in January in each year, at the cities of Toronto, Hamilton, London and Kingston, and in the above order alternately, at the hour of ten a.m.

Dated at Ingersoll this 25th day of June, 1890.

M. WALSH,
G. S. Wilson District.

The labors of the Grand Chapter being ended, it was closed in **Ample Form** at 2 p.m.



David M. Lellan.

GRAND SCRIBE E

KINGSTON, 18th July, A. I. 2420, A. D. 1890.

RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS AS ON 31st MAY, 1890, AND LEDGER BALANCES TO 30th June, 1890.

No	Name of Chapter.	Where held.	Regular Meeting.	First Principal Z.	Scribe E.	Admiss'n	Joinings.	Resto'ns	Withals.	Suspens	Expn's	Deaths.	Members	Last Return.	Ledger.		Paid Grand Chapter
															Dr. bal.	Cr. bal.	
1	An. Fron. & Cataract	Kingston.	Third Wednes'y.	Geo. Somerville.	Jas. Bruce Reid.	5	1	0	8	1	0	0	89	My 90	\$00 00	\$00 00	\$ 53 90
2	The Hiram.	Hamilton	1st M. ex. J. & A.	W. J. Grant ...	Geo. E. Mason.	8	1	1	11	7	0	1	166	"	00 00	00 00	57 70
3	St. John's.	London	Fourth Wed	A. E. Cooper.	J. Siddons	4	4	0	2	0	0	0	168	"	00 00	00 00	36 40
4	St. And. & St. John	Toronto.	Third Friday.	Robert McKim.	Joseph King	8	4	0	10	0	2	95	"	"	00 00	00 00	50 00
5	St. George's	London	Third Tuesday.	A. B. Munson.	Chas. C. Reid	26	4	0	0	0	0	0	175	"	00 00	00 00	23 40
6	St. John's.	Hamilton	2d Th. ex. J. A.	W. F. Miller.	W. J. McAllister	26	4	0	0	0	0	0	185	"	00 00	00 00	121 30
7	Moira.	Belleville	First Tuesday.	Arthur McGinnis	Alfred Gillen.	3	0	0	0	0	0	2	94	"	00 00	6 60	34 20
8	King Solomon's.	Toronto	First Wed	Robert Oliver	C. H. Dunning	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	151	"	00 00	00 00	37 20
15	Wawanosh.	Sarnia	Second Friday.	Charles Mole	D. M. Grant.	7	0	1	2	6	0	3	41	"	00 00	00 00	43 80
16	Carleton.	Ottawa	Third Friday.	J. A. Campbell	W. G. Reynolds.	5	0	0	0	1	3	0	78	"	00 00	00 00	36 70
18	Oxford.	Woodstock	Third Friday.	W. E. Wilkison	Joseph Codville.	11	4	0	0	0	0	0	35	"	00 00	00 00	48 50
19	Mount Moriah	St. Catharines	F. on or b. f. m.	W. F. Mittleburger.	A. E. Swayzie.	6	0	0	1	0	0	3	76	"	00 00	00 00	35 60
20	Mount Horeb.	Brantford	First Wednesday	Robert Ashton.	Wm. Frank.	12	2	0	0	0	0	0	45	"	00 00	00 00	50 40
22	Greenville.	Prescott.	Second Tues	C. C. Brouse	M. Dowsley	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	40	"	00 00	00 00	17 00
23	Ezra.	Simcoe	Second Wed	Geo. F. Counter.	W. P. Kelley	7	0	0	3	0	0	0	31	"	24 20	00 00	5 00
24	Tecumseh.	Straford	First Tuesday.	F. W. Gearing.	I. Baker	1	0	1	3	1	0	0	34	"	00 00	00 00	8 30
26	St. Mark's	Trenton	First Wednesday	Wm. T. Wilkins.	James H. Peck.	8	1	0	0	0	0	1	27	"	00 00	2 70	45 60
27	Manitou.	Collingwood	First Friday	W. T. Toner.	G. W. Bruce.	7	1	0	1	0	0	2	32	"	00 00	00 00	13 90
28	Pentalfa	Oshawa.	Second Friday.	R. R. Loscombe	L. K. Murtion	7	0	0	1	0	0	0	21	"	00 00	00 00	8 80
29	McCallum.	Dunnville.	F. on or a. f. m.	Robert Hall	G. S. Middaugh	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	47	My 89	00 00	00 00	00 00
30	Huron	Goderich.	Third Tuesday	C. A. Humber.	W. A. Rhynas.	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	My 90	00 00	00 00	21 40
31	Prince Edward	Picton.	M. on or a. f. m.	E. W. Case	Donald Ross.	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	32	"	00 00	00 00	13 50
32	Waterloo.	Galt.	Second Monday	T. McGivern	John Shupe.	2	0	0	0	3	0	0	45	"	00 00	00 00	19 60
34	Signet	Barrie.	Third Tuesday	R. E. Fletcher.	And. Urquhart.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	27	"	13 00	00 00	1 00
35	Keystone.	Whitby.	Second Tuesday	Charles King.	A. G. Henderson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	52	My 89	00 00	00 00	27 40
36	Corinthian	Peterboro'	3d T. ex. Jy A.	Chas. Cameron.	A. St. A. Smith.	5	0	0	1	0	0	0	29	My 90	00 00	00 00	29 40
37	Victoria	Port Hope	Second Thurs'dy	J. B. Traves.	.....	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	74	My 85	00 00	00 00	29 00
38	Seymour.	Bradford.	F. on or b. f. m.	R. Gemmel.	Wm. Gibson	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	"	00 00	00 00	28 80
40	Guelph.	Second Friday	Second Friday	M. Walsh	James P. Bales.	2	0	0	0	4	0	0	35	"	00 00	2 00	14 00
41	Harris.	Ingersoll	Wed. after f. m.	Jas. Aylsworth.	R. Henry, <i>p tem</i>	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	45	"	00 20	00 00	13 80
44	Mount Sinai.	Napanee	First Thursday.			1	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	Jan '80	13 60	00 00	00 00
45	Excelsior.	Colborne.															

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															Dr. bal.	Cr. bal.	
91	Antiquity	Toronto	Second Tuesday	W. R. Cavell ..	Geo. G. Rowe...	16	2	0	2	3	0	1	60	"	00 00	00 00	65 10
92	Spy.	Alliston	F. on or b. f. m. ....	.....	.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	My 88	00 00	00 00	00 00
93	Metropolitan.	Melbourne	Second Monday.	D. Meadowcroft	F. Meadowcroft	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	58	My 89	00 00	00 76	00 00
94	Midland	Lindsay	Third Tuesday.	B. Dingle	Geo. S. Patrick	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	32	My 90	00 00	00 00	36 70
95	Tuscan.	Brampton	Third Tuesday.	Jas. A. Sharp ..	Wm. W. Woods	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	36	My 89	00 00	00 00	25 20
96	Australasian Kilw'g	Melbourne	3d. M. J. M. M.	Louis S. Dumont	H. Kelson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	"	00 00	1 01	00 00
97	City of Melbourne	Melbourne	4th M. in F. A. J.	E. A. Collis	Wm. Feiguson ..	1	10	0	0	0	0	0	22	My 90	00 00	2 56	25 36
98	Vancouver	Vancouver	Second Wed.	Wm. Downie	P. McNaughton	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	30	"	00 00	00 00	15 00
99	Keystone.	Portage la Pr. ..	First Tuesday.	B. M. Canniff ..	P. Whimster ...	11	1	0	6	0	0	0	33	"	00 00	00 00	54 10
100	St. Lawrence.	Brockville	First Wed.	P. W. Broderick	G. McEathron..	5	2	0	0	0	0	0	27	"	00 00	00 00	4 40
101	Corinthian	Boissevain	First Wed. a. f. m.	John S. McKay	George Morton..	8	14	0	0	0	0	0	22	"	00 00	9 50	65 00
						321	62	9	112	73	0	38	3807				\$1781 96

RECAPITULATION.

Number of Chapters on the roll	83
" " Represented in Grand Chapter	59
" " Registrations reported.	321
" " Joinings	62
" " Restorations	9
" " Withdrawals	112

Number of Suspensions on the roll.	73
" " Deaths	38
" " Expulsions	00
Total Number of Members on the Roll of Grand Chapter ...	3807
Total Amount of Receipts 1889-1890 ..	\$9440 30

SUSPENSIONS—NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

No. 1—F. Shaw. 2—Thos. Armstrong, C. N. Dempster, Wm. Dodds, Henry McKillop, J. C. Palmer, Wm. Robb, A. A. Wyllie. 3—Wm. F. Darch, Jno. Taylor. 4—W. J. Burroughs, C. G. Dunn, Thos. Downey, John Duggan, John T. Jones, W. E. Murray, G. C. Phillips, C. N. Shaw, A. Snarr, W. Sterling. 6—C. Kerner. 15—H. Drew, C. I. Ellison, Jno. Mitchell, Wm. Mitchell, Duncan McDonald, Henry Meal. 16—Amos Chatfield, A. W. Crane, Fred Fraser. 24—Wm. R. Knox. 32—Wm. H. Broughton, J. E. Eby, Jas. Patterson. 40—Geo. Jeffrey, W. H. Mills, S. R. Mofiat, H. E. Richardson. 47—Nicholas J. Bogart. 52—A. E. Blakely, C. F. Forest, Jas. Hirst, Ed. Manahan, Jas. Sage, T. W. Walker. 55—Thos. H. Ball. 63—Wm. Chalmers, Henry Richards. 65—Stephen Hustwith, G. L. Tizard. 71—David Austin, John F. Bowes, C. F. Cook, Joseph Malott. 75—B. Bridgeman, J. E. Harrison, R. T. Grimshaw, R. Pearsons. 79—Thos. J. Best, James Martin, John McLatchie, David H. Watt. 80—Jos. S. Edgar, Wm. J. Livesay, Jos. McNally, J. H. Wilkinson. 82—H. E. Alexander, J. F. Bishoff, Wm. C. Mapledoram. 85—Jas. Sutton. 86—J. A. Purdy, J. S. Raper. 91—Geo. Edwards, Jas. W. Devlin, W. H. Taylor.

RESTORATIONS.

No. 2—W. L. Hubbard. 6—M. W. Attwood, Wm. Campbell. 15—Benjamin Godkin. 24—Wm. Frank. 31—John Twigg. 44—Thos. Dorland Pruyn. 71—F. J. Maloney. 77—Joseph Flood.

AT REST.

No. Chap	NAME.	DATE.
2	Chas. Davidson.....	Nov. 6th 1889
3	Pat. Barrett.....	Jan. 18th..... 1890
4	J. H. Kane.....	Jan. 12th..... 1890
4	John Mitchell.....	Sept. 10th..... 1889
5	Wm. Carey	May 16th..... 1890
5	Thos. Tanton.....	Oct. 14th..... 1889
7	Chas. Lockerty.....	Feb. 14th..... 1890
7	Thos. Kelso.....	March 17th..... 1890
15	J. F. Baby.....	
15	Oct. Prince.....	
15	Thos. Ellison.....	June..... 1888
19	Bernard Rogers.....	June 21st..... 1889
19	Wm. H. Blackstock.....	Sept. 17th..... 1889
19	John Dale.....	Oct. 15th..... 1889
22	Wm. Jackson.....	
26	Rev. Wm. Bleasdel.....	Aug. 16th..... 1889
27	Henry Macpherson.....	Aug. 4th..... 1889
27	Hiram Gilson.....	April 17th..... 1890
28	M. Gilbranson.....	 1889
28	W. R. Piggott.....	Feb. 12th..... 1890
36	Geo. Walker.....	June 6th..... 1889
48	Sidney Smith.....	Sept. 27..... 1889
48	Geo. J. Stephens.....	July 2nd..... 1889
48	W. J. Porter.....	Nov. 16th..... 1889
52	Geo. D. McVicar.....	June 21st..... 1889
54	Jas. McIntosh.....	March..... 1890
55	Jos. A. Hamilton.....	April 20th..... 1889
59	Geo. Tennant.....	
64	Wm. D. Jeffrey.....	July 28th..... 1889
64	Henry Minnes.....	Aug. 29th..... 1889
64	John Dale.....	Oct. 12th..... 1889
71	Brice Sample.....	Oct. 26th..... 1889
76	Joseph Shaw.....	Aug. 4th..... 1889
77	W. Hamilton.....	Aug. 2nd..... 1888
80	Thos. Longley.....	Jan. 11th..... 1890
83	Hugh E. Reid.....	Jan. 12th..... 1890
85	Robert C. Thompson.....	October..... 1889
91	Robt. Carey.....	March 15th..... 1890

In Memoriam.

RIGHT EXCELLENT COMPANION

WILLIAM CAREY,

P. Z. St. George's Chapter, No. 5, London, P. G. Supt. London District
Died 16th May, 1890.

D. McG. MALLOCH,

P. Z. The Malloch Chapter, No. 66 Clinton, P. G. Supt. Huron District
Died 19th May, 1890.

MOST EXCELLENT COMPANION

HENRY MACPHERSON,

P. Z. Georgian Chapter, No. 56, Owen Sound. Past Grand Z. Representative for California. *Died 4th August, 1889.*

OFFICERS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER 1890-91.

THE GRAND Z :

M. E. Comp. J. J. Mason Hamilton

THE GRAND H :

R. E. Comp. John E. Harding, Stratford. | R. E. Comp. John Ross Robertson Toronto

THE GRAND J :

THE GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS :

R. E. Comp. Thomas McGregor,	Windsor	St. Clair	District No. 1
R. E. Comp. A. E. Cooper	London	London	" 2
R. E. Comp. M. Walsh	Ingersoll	Wilson	" 3
R. E. Comp. J. A. Nelles	Guelph	Wellington	" 4
R. E. Comp. J. A. Frazer	Milton	Hamilton	" 5
R. E. Comp. I. Baker	Stratford	Haron	" 6
R. E. Comp. C. G. McDermott	St. Catharines	Niagara	" 7
R. E. Comp. J. F. Mathews	Meaford	Toronto	" 8
R. E. Comp. B. Dingle	Lindsay	Ontario	" 9
R. E. Comp. A. McGinnis	Belleville	Prince Edward	" 10
R. E. Comp. A. Shaw	Kingston	Central	" 11
R. E. Comp. A. E. J. Durrant	Portage la Prairie	Manitoba	" 12
R. E. Comp. J. D. Drew	Melbourne	Australia	" 13

GRAND SCRIBE E.

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R. E. Comp. David McLellan, Hamilton | R. E. Comp. S. Wesley Barrie

GRAND PRINCIPAL SOJOURNER

R. E. Comp. R. L. Patterson Toronto

GRAND TREASURER.

R. E. Comp. Edward Mitchell Hamilton

GRAND REGISTRAR.

R. E. Comp. John Hewton Kingston

V. E. Comp. John C. Fox,	Orangeville	Grand 1st Assistant Sojourner
V. E. Comp. George Clarke	Toronto	Grand 2nd Assistant Sojourner
V. E. Comp. James Sutherland	Woodstock	Grand Sword Bearer
V. E. Comp. Ogden Hinch	Napanee	Grand Master of Veils
V. E. Comp. J. H. Hanna	Windsor	Grand Standard Bearer
V. E. Comp. J. Adams	Kingston	Grand Director of Ceremonies
V. E. Comp. F. W. Gearing	Stratford	Grand Organist
V. E. Comp. Thos. Irwin	Hamilton	Grand Pursuivant

THE GRAND STEWARDS.

V. E. Comp. Jas. Woods	Sarnia	V. E. Comp. Walter Patterson, Peterboro'
V. E. Comp. T. W. Leggo	Winnipeg	V. E. Comp. R. E. Fletcher

Comp. John H. Pritchard Grand Janitor

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

PRESIDENT :

R. Ex. Comp. John E. Harding, Grand H Stratford

BY VIRTUE OF OFFICE :

M. E. Comp. S. Bickerton Harman, Toronto	M. E. Comp. L. H. Henderson, Belleville
M. E. Comp. Fred J. Menet,	M. E. Comp. Daniel Spry
M. E. Comp. Donald Ross	M. E. Comp. Thomas Sargent
M. E. Comp. Robert Hendry, Jr., Kingston	M. E. Comp. Henry Robertson, Col'wood
M. E. Comp. R. B. Hungerford	R. E. Comp. John Ross Robertson, Tor'o

ELECTED BY GRAND CHAPTER.

R. E. Comp. Hugh Murray	R. E. Comp. Wm. G. Bell
R. E. Comp. Wm. Gibson	R. E. Comp. John Creasor ..
R. E. Comp. E. T. Malone, Toronto.	

APPOINTED BY THE GRAND Z.

R. E. Comp. A. G. Smyth	R. E. Comp. J. McLean Stevenson Barrie
R. E. Comp. Wm. Forbes	R. E. Comp. John W. Coy St. Catharines
R. E. Comp. Wm. G. Reid, Hamilton.	

GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA.

EX. OFFICIO MEMBERS.

R. E. Comp. David McLellan ... Hamilton | R. E. Comp. Samuel Wesley. Barrie

BENEVOLENT COMMITTEE.

M. E. Comp. Daniel Spry Barrie | R. E. Comp. Otto Klotz..... Preston
R. E. Comp. John S. Dewar, London.

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS.

R. E. Comp. Thos. McGregor ... Windsor	R. E. Comp. John F. Mathews... Meaford
R. E. Comp. A. E. Cooper .. London	R. E. Comp. B. Dingle Lindsay
R. E. Comp. M. Walsh Ingersoll	R. E. Comp. A. McGinnis..... Belleville
R. E. Comp. J. A. Nelles..... Guelph	R. E. Comp. A. Shaw Kingston
R. E. Comp. J. A. Frazer..... Milton	R. E. Comp. A. E. J. Durrant, P'ge la Pr
R. E. Comp. I. Baker..... Stratford	R. E. Comp. J. D. Drew Melbourne

R. E. Comp. C. G. McDermott, St. Catharines.

SUB-COMMITTEES.

AUDIT AND FINANCE.

M. E. Comp. Thomas Sargent, Chairman; R. E. Comps. Hugh Murray, I. Baker, Wm. Gibson, J. Hewton, A. E. Cooper, J. A. Frazer.

BENEFICENCE.

R. E. Comp. Otto Klotz, Chairman; M. E. Comp. Daniel Spry, R. E. Comp. John S. Dewar.

CONDITION OF CAPITULAR MASONRY.

R. E. Comp. John Ross Robertson, Chairman; R. E. Comps. Wm. Forbes, A. G. Smyth, David McLellan, J. E. Harding, A. McGinnis, A. E. J. Durrant.

GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

R. E. Comp. John Creasor, Chairman; Wm. G. Reid, J. McL. Stevenson, E. T. Malone, John W. Coy, Samuel Wesley, R. L. Patterson, A. Shaw.

GRAND Z.'S ADDRESS.

M. E. Comp. Henry Robertson, Chairman; M. E. Comp. Fred. J. Menet, Daniel Spry, Thos. Sargent, S. Bickerton Harman, L. H. Henderson, Robt. Hendry, jr., R. B. Hungerford,

WARRANTS.

M. E. Comp. Donald Ross, Chairman; R. E. Comps. M. Walsh, Jos. D'Amer Drew, Thos. McGregor, John A. Nelles, J. F. Mathews, B. Dingle, Wm. G. Bell, C. G. McDermott.

CHAIRMAN FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

M. E. Comp. Henry Robertson, Collingwood.

LIST OF CHAPTERS—BY DISTRICTS.

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT, NO. 1.

Grand District Superintendent—R. E. Comp. Thos. McGregor, Windsor.

No. 47 Wellington..... Chatham	No. 80 Ark Windsor
" 71 Prince of Wales..... Amherstburg	" 88 Macnabb..... Dresden
" 73 Erie Ridgetown	

LONDON DISTRICT, NO. 2.

Grand District Superintendent—R. E. Comp. A. E. Cooper, London.

No. 3 St. John's London	No. 54 Palestine St. Thomas
" 5 St. George's..... London	" 74 Beaver..... Strathroy
" 15 Wawanosh..... Sarnia	" 78 Minnewawa Parkhill
" 53 Bruce..... Petrolia	" 81 Aylmer..... Aylmer

WILSON DISTRICT, NO. 3.

Grand Superintendent—R. E. Comp. M. Walsh, Ingersoll.

No. 18 Oxford Woodstock	No. 23 Ezra..... Simcoe
" 20 Mount Horeb .. Brantford	" 41 Harris..... Ingersoll

WELLINGTON DISTRICT, NO. 4.

Grand Superintendent—R. E. Comp. J. A. Nelles, Guelph.

No. 32 Waterloo Galt	No. 67 Enterprise Harriston
" 40 Guelph Guelph	" 83 Ionic Orangeville
" 49 Elora Elora	

HAMILTON DISTRICT, NO. 5.

Grand Superintendent—R. E. Comp. J. A. Frazer, Milton.

No. 2 Hiram Hamilton	No. 75 St. Clair Milton
" 6 St. John's Hamilton	" 87 Wentworth Dundas

HURON DISTRICT, NO. 6.

Grand District Superintendent—R. E. Comp. I. Baker, Stratford.

No. 24 Tecumseh Stratford	No. 66 The Malloch Clinton
" 30 Huron Goderich	" 84 Lebanon Wingham
" 46 St. James St. Marys	" 85 Exeter Exeter
" 63 Havelock Kincardine	

NIAGARA DISTRICT, NO. 7.

Grand District Superintendent—R. E. Comp. C. G. McDermott, St. Catharines.

No. 19 Mount Moriah St. Catharines	No. 64 Willson Welland
" 29 McCallum Dunnville	" 69 Grimsby Grimsby
" 35 Niagara Niagara	" 76 Mount Nebo Niagara Falls South
" 57 King Hiram Port Colborne	

TORONTO DISTRICT NO. 8

Grand District Superintendent—R. E. Comp. John F. Mathews, Meaford.

No. 4 St. Andrew and St. John Toronto	No. 65 St. Paul's Toronto
" 8 King Solomon's Toronto	" 77 Occident Toronto
" 27 Manitou Collingwood	" 79 Orient Toronto
" 34 Signet Barrie	" 86 Macpherson Meaford
" 38 Seymour Bradford	" 91 Antiquity Toronto
" 56 Georgian Owen Sound	" 92 Spry Alliston
" 60 Doric Newmarket	" 95 Tuscan Brampton
" 62 York Eglington	

ONTARIO DISTRICT NO. 9.

Grand District Superintendent—R. E. Comp. B. Dingle, Lindsay.

No. 28 Pentalpha Oshawa	No. 45 Excelsior Colborne
" 35 Keystone Whitby	" 48 St. John's Cobourg
" 36 Corinthian Peterboro	" 94 Midland Lindsay
" 37 Victoria Port Hope	

PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT NO. 10.

Grand District Superintendent—R. E. Comp. A. McGinnis, Belleville.

No. 7 Moira Belleville	No. 31 Prince Edward Picton
" 26 St. Mark's Trenton	" 44 Mount Sinai Napanee

CENTRAL DISTRICT NO. 11

Grand District Superintendent—R. E. Comp. A. Shaw, Kingston.

No. 1 Ancient Frontenac & Cataraqui Kingston	No. 59 Sussex Brockville
" 16 Carleton Ottawa	" 61 Granite Almonte
" 22 Grenville Prescott	" 68 Maitland North Augusta
" 58 Pembroke Pembroke	" 100 St. Lawrence Brockville

MANITOBA DISTRICT NO. 12.

Grand District Superintendent—R. E. Comp. A. E. J. Durrant, Portage La Prairie.

No. 52 Prince Rupert Winnipeg	No. 98 Vancouver Vancouver
" 82 Shuniah Port Arthur	" 99 Keystone Portage La Prairie
" 90 Golden Rat Portage	" 101 Corinthian Boissevain

AUSTRALIAN DISTRICT NO. 13.

Grand District Superintendent—R. E. Comp. Jos. D'Amer Drew, Melbourne.

No. 93 Melbourne Victoria	No. 97 City of Melbourne Melbourne
" 96 Australian Kilwinning Melbourne	

GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES AND GRAND SECRETARIES.

At Grand Chapter of Canada.			GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.		From Grand Chapter of Canada.		GRAND SECRETARIES.	
			Jurisdiction				<i>Name.</i>	<i>Address.</i>
R. E.	Comp.	Isaac F. Toms	Alabama	E.	Comp.	Jos. H. Johnson	Myles J. Greene	Montgomery
"	"	John McLaren	Arkansas	"	"	Geo. L. Kimball	Jas. A. Henery	Little Rock
"	"	Samuel Wesley	California	M.	"	N. W. Spalding	Thos. H. Caswell	San Francisco
M. E.	"	L. H. Henderson	Colorado	"	"	Lawrence N. Greenleaf	Ed. C. Parmelee	Pueblo
"	"	Donald Ross	Connecticut	"	"	W. R. Higby	Joseph K. Wheeler	Hartford
R. E.	"	T. C. Macnabb	Delaware	"	"	Geo. F. Young	Jas. H. Price	Wilmington
M. E.	"	H. Robertson	District of Columbia	M.	"	J. S. McCoy	L. G. Stephens	Washington
R. E.	"	James Moffat	Florida	M.	"	Robt. J. Pervy	De Witt C. Dawkins	Jacksonville
"	"	David McLellan	Georgia	"	"	W. A. Graham	A. M. Wolhin	Macon
"	"	Wm. Forbes	Illinois	"	"	Archibald McLellan	Gil. W. Barnard	Chicago
"	"	Grimsby	Indiana	"	"	E. L. McLellan	W. H. Smythe	Indianapolis
V. E.	"	Wm. Hawthorn	Iowa	"	"	L. J. Baker	Alf. Wingate	Des Moines
"	"	Geo. J. Bennett	Ireland	"	"	J. H. Neilson	Archibald St. George	Dublin
"	"	J. M. Gibson	Kansas	M.	"	Jacob De Witt	Jno. H. Brown	Kansas City
R. E.	"	Thos' Sargent	Kentucky	M.	"	H. R. French	Joseph H. Branham	Louisville
R. E.	"	Edward Mitchell	Louisiana	R.	"	Andrew Hero, jr.	James C. Batchelor	New Orleans
R. E.	"	John A. Wills	Maine	M.	"	Andrew J. Fuller	Ira Berry	Portland
"	"	R. L. Patterson	Maryland	"	"	J. M. Carter	Geo. L. McCahan	Baltimore
R. E.	"	Jas. A. Henderson	Massachusetts	R.	"	Edwin Wright	Alf. F. Chapman	Boston
"	"	Fred J. Menet	Michigan	"	"	Orville G. Miller	W. P. Innes	Grand Rapids
M. E.	"	Henry Robertson	Minnesota	R.	"	A. H. Barkley	A. T. C. Pierson	St. Paul
M. E.	"	W. J. B. McLeod	Mississippi	M.	"	M. A. Fyke	J. L. Power	St. Jackson
R. E.	"	J. Ross Robertson	Missouri	R.	"	Frank H. Young	W. H. Mayo	St. Louis
V. E.	"	Hugh A. Mackay	Nebraska	"	"	Henry Duffell	Wm. R. Bowen	Omaha
R. E.	"	John S. Dewar	New Brunswick	R.	"	Alpheus W. Baker	T. Nisbet Robertson	St. John
R. E.	"	Daniel Spry	New Hampshire	R.	"	W. H. McIlhane	Geo. P. Cleaves	Concord
R. E.	"	J. J. Mason	New Jersey	M.	"	Frank Bell	Geo. B. Edwards	Jersey City
R. E.	"	H. Robertson	Nevada	M.	"	Horace G. Hopkins	Chauncy N. Noteware	Carson City
R. E.	"	Jas. Wilson	New York	R.	"	Chas. C. Clarke	Christopher G. Fox	Buffalo
R. E.	"	Wm. G. Bell	North Carolina	"	"	John Davidson	Donald W. Bain	Raleigh
R. E.	"	Robt. Hendry, jr.	North Dakota	M.	"	Neil McKelvie	Thos. J. Wilder	Casselton
V. E.	"	H. A. Mackay	Nova Scotia	"	"	C. A. Woodward	Geo. T. Smithers	Halifax
R. E.	"	R. J. Hovenden	Ohio	R.	"	Donald MacKay	Mat. H. Watt	Chillicothe
R. E.	"	Donald McPhie	Oregon	"	"	Thos. R. Patton	R. P. Earhart	Portland
M. E.	"	Daniel Spry	Pennsylvania	"	"	Will. H. Whyte	Chas. E. Meyer	Philadelphia
"	"		Quebec	M.	"		Joseph Mitchell	Montreal

Wm. R. Greene Providence
 J. E. Burke Charleston
 Geo. A. Pettigrew Flandrau
 John Frizzell Nashville
 Robert Brewster Houston
 Warren G. Reynolds Burlington
 Wm. B. Isaacs Richmond
 Yancey C. Blalock Walla Walla
 Jno. W. Morris Wheeling
 Jno. W. Laflin Milwaukee
 Robt. S. Brown Edinburg

W. R. Greene Providence
 J. M. Bratten, M.D. Yorkville
 J. H. Bullock Paris
 Henry Scherffius Houston
 C. W. Whitcomb, Proctorsville
 Geo. W. Dame Danville
 Andrew McCalley Walla Walla
 Frank Johnson Wheeling
 R. D. Pulford Mineral Point
 The Rt. Hon. the Earl of Kin-
 tore, Carleton Club, Lon. Eng

R. E. " J. B. Traves Port Hope
 R. E. " E. H. D. Hall Peterboro
 R. E. " Wm. Gibson Beansville
 R. E. " R. Brierley Hamilton
 R. E. " J. B. Nixon Toronto
 R. E. " Alex. Patterson Toronto
 R. E. " Hugh Murray Hamilton
 M. E. " S. B. Harman Toronto
 R. E. " Gavin Stewart Hamilton
 R. E. " J. K. Kerr Toronto

CHAIRMEN FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

<i>Jurisdiction.</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Address.</i>	<i>Jurisdiction</i>	<i>Name.</i>	<i>Address.</i>
Alabama.....	Palmer J. Pillans	Mobile	Nebraska	Wm. R. Bowen.....	Omaha
Arkansas.....	R. J. Langhlin	San Francisco	New Hampshire	A. S. Waite.....	Newport
California.....	T. H. Caswell	Collingwood	New Jersey	H. Vehslage	Irvington
Canada.....	Henry Robertson	Georgetown	Nevada.....	Frank Bell	Keno
Colorado.....	E. L. N. Foster	Birmingham	New York.....	Geo. J. Gardner.....	Syracuse
Connecticut.....	John H. Barlow	Washington	North Carolina	Jas. Southgate.....	Durham
Delaware.....	R. H. Young	Atlanta	North Dakota	Thos. J. Wilder.....	Casselton
District of Columbia.....	Wm. R. Singleton	Washington	Nova Scotia	Geo. I. Smithers	Halifax
Florida.....	Enos Wasgate	Jacksonville	Ohio.....	Graff. M. Acklin.....	Toledo
Georgia.....	Wm. A. Love	Atlanta	Oregon.....	R. P. Earhart	Portland
Illinois.....	John M. Pearson	Godfrey	Pennsylvania	E. T. D. Chambers.....	Quebec
Indiana.....	Thos. B. Long	Terre Haute	Quebec	Geo. H. Burnham.....	Providence
Iowa.....	Clark Varnum	Newton	Rhode Island	J. E. Burke.....	Charleston
Kansas.....	John H. Brown	Kansas City	South Carolina	Geo. A. Pettigrew.....	Flandrau
Kentucky.....	Jas. W. Staton	Brooksville	South Dakota	J. C. Kidd	Houston
Louisiana.....	J. P. Horner	New Orleans	Tennessee	F. T. Fisher.....	St. Johnsbury
Maine.....	I. H. Drummond	Portland	Texas.....	Wm. B. Isaacs.....	Richmond
Maryland.....	E. T. Shultz	Baltimore	Vermont.....	Thos. M. Reed	Olympia
Massachusetts.....	John W. Dadmun.....	Boston	Washington	Odell S. L. ng.....	Charleston
Michigan.....	Wm. P. Innes.....	Grand Rapids	West Virginia	Wm. C. Swain.....	Milwaukee
Minnesota.....	A. T. C. Pierson	St. Paul	Wisconsin.....		
Mississippi.....	P. M. Savery	Tupelo			
Missouri.....	Wm. H. Mayo.....	St. Louis			

APPENDIX.



1890.

Grand Chapter of Canada.

REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE.

HENRY ROBERTSON, CHAIRMAN.

*To the Most Excellent Grand Z., and the Grand Chapter of
Royal Arch Masons of Canada :*

The Committee on Correspondence beg leave to present the following review as their *twenty-third* report on the proceedings of other Grand Chapters. A list of the proceedings which have been reviewed will be found at the close of the report, together with a list of those which have not been received. As heretofore, we have confined our report to extracting the most notable and interesting features that appear in other jurisdictions, and have made as few comments as possible.

ALABAMA.

Sixty-third convocation, Montgomery, December 2, 1889.
M. E. Comp. John G. Harris, G.H.P.

In his address he says that they have great cause for rejoicing in the prosperity of their State, the progress of their industries and the peace prevailing in the craft. He formed one new Chapter. He suspended one Chapter for conferring degrees at half price. The excuse of the Chapter was that they were financially embarrassed and the interest in the Chapter had waned.

The Report on Correspondence is by Comp. Palmer J. Pillans. In his introduction he says :

“Now, however, we are able to congratulate you upon a steady increase in both respects since that time. A comparison with these last three years,

one with another, will show that this increase in numbers, has been the same or nearly so from year to year. Within these years we have grown larger by one Chapter and by 172 members. The revenue has also increased, yet in so small a measure that we have felt constrained to confine ourselves in the following review to the smallest possible limits."

He reviews the proceedings of Canada for 1889.

M. E. Comp. John G. Harris (Livingston), G.H.P.

R. E. Comp. Myles J. Green (Montgomery), G. S.

ARKANSAS.

Fortieth convocation, Little Rock, November 22nd, 1889.

M. E. Comp. W. H. Gee, G.H.P.

He refused a dispensation for the reception of a candidate who had lost an arm. Four new Chapters were formed.

The following resolution was adopted :

"Resolved, That the M. E. Grand High Priest be requested to confer with the M. E. the Grand High Priest of the Grand Sister Jurisdiction of the State of Texas, and recommend that concurrent jurisdiction be granted Texarkana Chapter, No. 78, under this Grand Jurisdiction, within the corporate limits of the City of Texarkana, Texas, and, upon the granting thereof, a like concurrent jurisdiction shall be granted to such Chapter as may be established under the Grand Jurisdiction of the State of Texas, located within the corporate limits of said city."

This Grand Chapter shows a healthy growth and the Chapters are nearly all more or less active. The State is improving rapidly and "prosperity seems to mark the pathway of every laudable undertaking engaged in by the people."

Comp. R. J. Laughlin reports on correspondence and notices our proceedings of 1889.

M. E. Comp. Samuel Peete, (Batesville), G.H.P.

R. E. Comp. James A. Henry (Little Rock), G. S.

COLORADO.

Fifteenth convocation, Denver, September 19th, 1889.

M. E. Comp. W. T. Bridwell, G.H.P.

He refused a dispensation for the use of "substitutes." A new Chapter was formed at Trinidad. The Grand High Priest fears that "the true Masonic way of conveying the

knowledge direct to the candidate from the storehouse of memory is falling into disuse."

The Grand Chapter decided that substitutes could be used in conferring the Royal Arch degree.

The sum of \$2000 was appropriated to the Masonic Temple Association at Denver, to aid in furnishing their new temple.

The following resolution was adopted :

"*Resolved*,—1st. That every Chapter be, and is hereby required to procure and keep with its records a book of marks.

2nd. That hereafter no candidate shall be exalted within this jurisdiction until he shall have selected and caused to be recorded a mark.

3rd. That High Priests are hereby directed to require all members of their respective Chapters, who have not previously done so, to select and record their marks and that report of all companions in this jurisdiction who have neglected or refused to comply with this resolution, be made to the Grand High Priest on or before January 1st, 1890."

In commenting on one of our remarks of last year, Comp. Ernest L. N. Foster says :

"We see no special objection to public installation occasionally, but are not advocates of too much show and publicity ; and as to the right of the public to know the principles of our institution, we agree with Comp. Robertson that they have no inherent right to know them, though we believe the voluntary expression of our principles is beneficial to the institution"

M. E. Comp. Samuel H. Thompson (Durango), G.H.P.

R. E. Comp. Ed. C. Parmelee (Pueblo), G. S.

DAKOTA.

Fifth convocation, Mitchell, June 10th, 1889.

Henry S. Williams, Grand King, presiding.

They have had a healthy growth and are in good financial condition. Three new Chapters were formed.

Telegrams were exchanged with the General Grand High Priest, authorizing the Division of the State into North and South Dakota, with a Grand Chapter for each, to be instituted on the day on which the two divisions become States. The delegates from the several Chapters went into two separate

conventions and each separately adopted a constitution and elected their respective officers. A committee was appointed to make a division of the Grand Chapter property at the proper time.

The Grand Secretary reports on correspondence and has a good notice of the proceedings of Canada for 1888. In his introduction he has this to say on non-affiliation :

“There is one disturbing element among the craft—it is the unaffiliates. It seems no successful remedy has yet been devised. We believe the cause chargeable to two or three reasons. First, many are admitted among our numbers who *never* can be Masons. Second, that more care should be taken that applicants know what is expected of them, should they succeed in gaining admission. Lastly, the free will doctrine, which we believe to be erroneous, that the large majority must suffer for the acts of the minority, or that the whole Lodge or Chapter must bow to the will of one worthless cuss, we don't now, nor do we wish to try to believe. Let them understand before-hand, that if they become Masons, they must help support the organization for a certain number of years, after which they have done their share, the burden must then be born by the younger, either of paying dues or work in the lodge room, and we will do away with non-affiliation to a great degree.

The Lodge or Grand Lodge that cannot support itself without the financial aid of those who have been active members for twenty-five years, is not worthy the name of Lodge or Grand Lodge.”

M. E. Comp. John Davidson (Bismarck), G.H.P.

R. E. Comp. Thomas J. Wilder (Casselton), G. S.

DELAWARE.

Twenty-second convocation, Wilmington, Jan. 15th, 1890.

M. E. Comp, Joseph H. Bond, G.H.P.

They have three Chapters on the roll and they were all represented. The membership is 357. Forty candidates were exalted during the year. All the Chapters are flourishing and the utmost harmony and good fellowship prevail.

M. E. Comp. John L. Clark (Wilmington), G.H.P.

R. E. Comp. James H. Price (Wilmington), G. S.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Twenty-second convocation, Washington, Dec. 11, 1889.

M. E. Comp. Robert Ball, G.H.P.

On the State of the craft, Comp. Ball has the following

remarks which show a very favorable condition and one on which they are to be congratulated :

“During the past year I have visited each of the eight Chapters from one to four times, and have witnessed the conferring of some one of the degrees in all of them, and I take great pleasure in stating that the work was done well in each instance, and in a manner highly creditable to the officers of the Chapters. I venture the assertion that for uniformity of style and intelligent rendition of the Capitular degrees, our Jurisdiction, if it has an equal, has no superior. This is easily accounted for, as our jurisdiction is so compact that the officers are in close and frequent communication with each other.

The Grand Visitor and Lecturer is accessible to them at all times, and above all things else, no Companion can be installed High Priest of a Chapter simply on his personal popularity, nor unless he knows the work in every part of all the degrees thoroughly, and produces the certificate of the Grand Visitor and Lecturer to that effect.

The amount of work done by the Chapters during the past year has greatly exceeded that of the preceeding one. Indeed, the increase in membership has been greater than ever before in the history of our Grand Chapter.

I have carefully avoided every question that I believed had any tendency to introduce discord or encourage dissensions among the Companions, and am happy to be able to report that the most perfect harmony exists among them, and that the Chapters are working in that perfect concord which should prevail in a well regulated institution.

During the past year the several Chapters have exalted 159. Membership last year was 1,394. This year they number 1,525, making a gain of 131. Receipts this year, \$1,532.50, being larger than ever before, as will be shown in the report of the Committee on Accounts.”

The Committee on Jurisprudence are of opinion that the Grand High Priest has no power to authorize a Chapter to receive a petition for the degrees at a special meeting, in which they were sustained by the Grand Chapter. They also report that the Grand High Priest does not possess any power to suspend the operation of a by-law of a Chapter after it has received the approval of the grand body, no matter how urgent the necessity may be for so doing. This report was received but the record does not show that it was adopted.

On public installations, Comp. W. R. Singleton says :

“In regard to public installation, we beg to say that every part of the ceremony of installation of officers, both in the Lodges and Chapters, in every State in the Union, except in Pennsylvania alone, is printed in our manuals ; hence there is no exposition of secret work.

Before a W. Master can be installed he must have received the degree

of Past Master, or as the old Rituals called it *Present Master*, in a Lodge of such duly *tyled*. The most of our Chapter High Priests are installed without having the degree of High Priesthood conferred upon them ; some never get the degree at all. In this jurisdiction our convention of Past High Priests requires the applicant to present a certificate under seal from his Chapter that he has been elected and installed.

The controversy as to public installation between Pennsylvania Masons and the *remainder* of these United States and Territories has grown out of the misapprehension as to this very point. In Pennsylvania, if we are correctly informed, the *secret* work is a part of the installation ceremony, hence cannot be performed except in the presence of the Past Officers who have received that ceremony.

By reference to the old publications, and also the records of Grand Lodges, we find that all but Past Masters were required to withdraw for a short time and then were invited in again.

We think that our system is the best. We may be wrong, but we have a very large majority on our side ”

We are opposed to public installations for the same reasons that we deprecate too much public parade of Masonry at any time or place. Masonry is not a proselytizing institution and does not need to court the popular favor. We do not allow our members to solicit candidates to join, nor should we go into a wholesale invitation business by making a show of Masonry on trivial occasions. To lay a corner-stone of a public or a Masonic edifice and to attend the funeral of a brother are about the only occasions that we believe Masons should show themselves in public clothed with the badges of the Order.

M. E. Comp. Edwin S. Holmes, G.H.P.

R. E. Comp. L. G. Stephens, G. S.

FLORIDA.

Forty fourth convocation, Jacksonville, May 6th, 1890.

M. E. Comp. Marcus Endel, G.H.P.

The Grand Chapter now meets at a different time from the Grand Lodge and Comp. Endel believes that the change will be a great improvement. He says :

“By this severance, the dignity of the Grand Chapter has been greatly enhanced and the influence and importance of capitular masonry considerably elevated in this Grand Jurisdiction. Heretofore the labors of the larger body required such heavy demands on the time of our Grand Chapter

and its members, that but little opportunity was permitted it to transact its business with that deliberation and care that its importance merited.

The opportunity is now afforded you to thoroughly canvass every subject brought up for consideration, and to comprehensively legislate for the best interests of our Order.

I feel convinced that future events will fully sustain the wisdom of the Grand Chapter in adapting itself to the necessities of this progressive movement, and that the new era in its affairs, now being so auspiciously inaugurated, will infuse additional zeal among the Companions throughout the State, inspire its constituent Chapters with greater energies, and awaken among them a spirit of enthusiasm and assiduity that will greatly redound to the benefit of our beloved institution."

The Grand High Priest visited nearly every Chapter in the State, finding a reasonable degree of prosperity, but a great variety in the work, and on this subject, the following report of the Committee on Jurisprudence was adopted by the Grand Chapter :

"The suggestion and recommendation of the M. E. Grand High Priest regarding a uniform system of work is considered by your committee as being of the utmost importance to the interests of the craft in this jurisdiction ; we therefore recommend that the M. E. High Priest be authorized and directed to appoint a committee on work, consisting of five members of this Grand Chapter, whose duty it shall be to exemplify the work in the various degrees at each and every session of the Grand Chapter.

We also recommend that the constitution be so amended as to perpetuate the Committee on work as a standing committee of this Grand Chapter.

They have 13 Chapters and 411 members, a gain of 25.

M. E. Comp. James W. Boyd (Bartow), G.H.P.

R. E. Comp. DeWitt C. Dawkins (Jacksonville), G. S.

ILLINOIS.

Fortieth convocation, Chicago, October 24th, 1889.

M. E. Comp. Sylvester O. Spring, G.H.P.

The utmost harmony and fraternal feeling has prevailed among the Chapters during the past year. One new Chapter was organized. The Grand High Priest decided that a brother under suspension by his lodge for non-payment of dues could not become a member of a Chapter. Their Masonic Orphans' Home is now in successful operation.

The following report of the Committee on Jurisprudence was adopted :

“In relation to the matter of the recommendation of the M. E. Grand High Priest, that the law governing Grand Representatives be so amended that no member of the Grand Chapter be permitted to hold more than one commission as a representative of other Grand Chapters near this Grand Chapter, and that such commission should expire at a fixed period, is not expedient for the reason that no regulation can be formulated into law that will not infringe upon the prerogatives of the M. E. Grand High Priest of this Jurisdiction, and might be construed as discourtesy by the M. E. Grand High Priests of other Jurisdictions.”

Comp. John M. Pearson has an excellent report on correspondence in which Canada for 1889 receives due attention. On our extensive jurisdiction, he says :

“In reading this volume we have felt oppressed with the magnitude of the jurisdiction ; just think of travelling from Australia, where are two subordinates, to Prince Edward Isle, thence to Manitoba, via Toronto, etc., etc.,—but we are just beginning, in this country, to find out what a good, big neighbor we have in the Dominion of Canada May her shadow never be less !”

M. E. Comp. Joseph E. Dyas (Paris), G.H.P.

R. E. Comp. Gil. W. Barnard (Chicago), G. S.

INDIANA.

Forty-fourth convocation, Indianapolis, October 23, 1889.

M. E. Comp. Daniel McDonald, G.H.P.

The year has been a prosperous one in every respect. The increase in membership has been larger than usual and the finances in a better condition than for many years past. The Grand High Priest mentions the death of their Grand Secretary, John M. Bramwell, and Albert P. Charles, P.G.H.P. A new Chapter was established at Kokomo.

Last year the dues were increased from fifty cents to sixty cents. It was ascertained that this was done under a misapprehension and that it was unnecessary, so this year they were reduced to forty cents, but a motion to increase the mileage to the old rate of five cents instead of three, was lost.

Comp. Thomas B. Long presents a good report on correspondence and reviews our proceedings of 1889.

M. E. Comp. Elmer Crockett (South Bend), G.H.P.

R. E. Comp. William H. Smythe (Indianapolis), G. S.

IOWA.

Thirty-sixth convocation, Davenport, November 12, 1889.
M. E. Comp. Henry C. McNeil, G.H.P.

In the report of the Grand Lecturer, Comp. S. S. Bean, we find some interesting remarks :

“As your Grand Lecturer, I desire to make my final report, as my term of office has expired. I have called on seventy-two chapters this year, and during my full term of two years have visited one hundred and six Chapters. In all save one I have found somewhat of a variety, especially in the manner of exemplification of the Ritual, when really there is but one expression of it, and that is kindness and dignity, which are the moral characteristics of a gentleman wherever you may meet him, and more especially at Church or a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons. When we fully understand in its connection the application of the language, we cannot but stop and reflect.

These questions have been thoroughly discussed, therefore it is hardly necessary for me to refer to them here. We should be candid in all we do and say in the presence of those who are in our charge, as they were taught, possibly years prior, to follow their Guide and fear no danger. Companions, there can hardly be too much said about some of these disagreeable practices in conferring those sublime degrees.

I feel quite confident that with the hundreds of noble minded Companions who have witnessed the exemplification of both the Past Master and Royal Arch degrees, we will never again suffer those heretofore innovations, which in their practice and in their nature result in the production of levity and an improper mode of conferring the degrees.”

A school of instruction in the work was ordered by the adoption of the following resolutions :

“*Resolved*, That the Grand High Priest shall be *ex-officio* a member of the Board of Custodians and shall preside at all meetings of the board.

Resolved, That the board shall hold a meeting, by order of the Grand High Priest, on or before the first day of September next, to make preparation for the exemplification of the Ritual.

Resolved, That the Board of Custodians shall hold a school of instruction at the place designated for the next Grand Annual Convocation on Tuesday and Wednesday preceeding said annual Convocation.

Resolved, That it shall be the duty of each High Priest, or his proxy, to attend the school of instruction.

Resolved, That the Grand High Priest shall have full charge of the matter of special instruction to be given to Chapters.

Resolved, That the sum of \$100, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated to pay the expenses of special meetings of the Board of Custodians.

Resolved, That the Board of Custodians shall be paid their actual expenses in the discharge of their duties, and that each Representative from Chapters shall be allowed \$2 per day while in attendance at the school of instruction.”

On the Scottish Rite disputes, the Grand Chapter approved of the action taken by the Grand Lodge and warn all members not to be misled into relation with either body so as to cause dissension among our craft.

On the same subject, Comp. T. R. Ercanbrack, in his report on correspondence, says :

“The fair fame of Masonry is becoming tarnished by the evil spirit manifested by the “Cerneaus.” All of those whom we have met, when Scotch Rite is mentioned, seem to bristle up as though the time had come for them to show fight. “Cerneauism” seems to be a mental disease. Perhaps a Masonic hospital ought to be provided for the treatment of those who display snapping teeth at the sight or sound of those “high degrees.” We cannot find fault with sincere Masons who struggle to defend the fair fame of their beloved order. And the time will doubtless come when those men of evil mind who seek to make mischief will be driven out of the fold—to display a belligerent disposition outside rather than inside of a truly fraternal order.”

M. E. Comp. F. H. Loring (Oskaloosa), G.H.P.

R. E. Comp. Alf. Wingate (DesMoines), G. S.

IRELAND.

Six warrants were issued during the year 1889 and four cancelled, one of these being No. 159, formerly at L'Original, Ontario.

Officers for 1890:—Hon. Judge Townshend, King ; Archibald St. George (Dublin), Registrar.

KANSAS.

Twenty-fourth convocation, Wichita, February 18, 1889.

M. E. Comp. George W. Port, G.H.P.

The past year has been one of prosperity and the increase in membership has been as great as could be desired. Three new Chapters were formed. The Grand High Priest calls attention to the necessity of scrutinizing the character of candidates closely and he thinks that more attention should be paid to the moral instruction of the members and the enforcement of moral discipline in the order.

The Grand Lecturer visited a large number of Chapters and gave instruction in the work. He says that the day of

wooden buildings for masonic work in Kansas has passed away and he knows of no Chapter held at this time in any other than stone or brick buildings.

The report on correspondence is by Comp. John H. Brown. Our proceedings for 1888 are favorably mentioned. In his notice of Illinois, Comp. Brown sustains the act of our Grand Chapter in issuing a warrant to a Chapter in Australia :

“ Well, Companions will view this under different lights. Those who reflect that English, Irish and Scottish Grand Bodies are engaged in planting subordinates in the colonies will justify the act of the Grand Chapter of Canada. For ourself we see no cause of harm nor any reason to blame the Grand Chapter. Since it encourages the growth of capitular masonry in all the degrees recognized in our own country, masonry in that island continent, will, as in Canada shake off the hampers imposed by Grand Bodies too far away to exercise due control or inspire any sentiment save formal regard. In other words, in that continent a spirit of freedom has been aroused, which will at no distant day impel the people to take the same step that our ancestors did, and thus become a free people, whose institutions will be founded by themselves and nothing will be left to depend on the suffrage of a nation though akin, but sixteen thousand miles away. Masonry, like the civil institutions, is moving to that end.”

On the evil of conferring the degrees in haste, he says :

“ No experienced mason will dispute the assertion that degrees are conferred in a way and with a degree of rapidity little conducive to a proper understanding of the ceremonials or the truths sought to be imparted. The evil, for such it is, has been growing for many years, and of late seems to be on the increase. How to arrest it is the question. The remedy proposed by Grand High Priest FOSTER—a period of probation of six months between the third degree of the “ Blue ” Lodge and the First degree of the Chapter, though not approved by the Grand Body, might contribute somewhat towards correcting the evil ; but with deference to all concerned, we can, after years of close observation, think of no more effective way than that adopted in this Jurisdiction—of requiring candidates to prove by open examination that they have fairly mastered the private work of the preceeding degree or degrees. There may be some better method, and if any companion has one in mind he can confer no greater favor on the Order than by making it known.”

M. E. Comp. Robert E. Torrington, (Emporia), G.H.P.

R. E. Comp. John H. Brown (Kansas City), G. S.

1890.

Twenty-fifth convocation, Salina, February 17, 1890.

M. E. Comp. Robert E. Torrington, G.H.P.

He refused all applications for new Chapters.

The following additional standing regulation was adopted by the Grand Chapter :

“Whenever a new chapter is authorized under dispensation, or constituted under charter, the Grand Secretary shall immediately notify any chapter where membership may be affected by suspension, under the dispensation or by transfer under the charter.”

Comp. John H. Brown is decidedly opposed to engrafting any system of benefits on the Order and is rightly of opinion that if the Chapter officers do their duty as they ought, there is no necessity of any extraneous aids to perpetuate our institution. He gives our proceedings of 1889 a very fair share of his attention.

M. E. Comp. Henry C. Cook (Oswego), G.H.P.

R. E. Comp. John H. Brown (Kansas City), G. S.

KENTUCKY.

Seventy-fourth convocation, Louisville, October 22, 1889.

M. E. Comp. Henry G. Sandifer, G.H.P.

They have had a fair degree of prosperity. Some Chapters have added largely to their membership, but apathy prevails in some localities, owing to inattentive officers and incompleteness of proper accessories.

The following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, That the Grand High Priest be authorized to grant dispensations to resume labor to any Chapters whose charters may have been arrested whenever he deems it expedient and without any cost to them except the Grand Secretary's fee of such dispensation.

We also offer the following :

Resolved, That no candidate shall be exalted to the R. A. degree until his mark shall have been selected and recorded in the book of Marks.

We recommend that the Secretaries of Subordinate Chapters be required to include in their annual returns, a statement of the number of convocations held by their chapters during the year.

We offer the following resolution and recommend its adoption :

Resolved, That the last business before closing this Grand Chapter at each annual convocation, shall be the calling of the roll, and each delegate who shall fail to respond to such roll call, shall forfeit his mileage and per diem at that session, unless excused or granted leave of absence by the Grand Chapter.

A proposition to ask the General Grand Chapter to eliminate the Past Master's degree was adopted.

The report on correspondence is again by Comp. James W. Staton and our proceedings for 1889 receive a good notice. On the necessity of Lodge affiliation for Chapter members he is outspoken and courageous, but we think his views are rather too strong. We have known several good Masons who were of more use to the craft in the Chapter than they could have been in the Lodge.

"As to the second difference, we have this to say, that we believe that no man should be received into the Chapter unless he holds lodge membership, and his standing in the Chapter should continue only on that condition. We do not believe that any man is worthy of the name of Mason who does not hold Blue Lodge Membership. There is where the practical part of Masonry exists. All the others are, more or less, more ornamental than practical, and the man that wants the tinsel and show, without desiring to lend anything to the substantial part of Masonry, should be turned out to enjoy all the rights and privileges of non-affiliates.

This may seem harsh to Comp. Drummond, and to those who hold with him, but these hangers-on, who want to make a big show without contributing anything to the practical part of Masonry, we have very little patience with. We want to say right here, that we have as much respect for the so-called higher degrees as any Mason in the land, and appreciate their sublime teachings as much as any Mason, we care not who it is; but if poverty should ever reduce us to the point where we cannot pay dues to all, and we are compelled to elect to which we will hold affiliation, we unhesitatingly say that all the others will be cast ideas, and we will hold with the Blue Lodge. We have said more than we intended, and must stop."

M. E. Comp. Henry B. Grant (Louisville), G.H.P.

R. E. Comp. Joseph H. Branham (Louisville), G. S.

LOUISIANA.

Forty-third convocation, New Orleans, Feb. 11, 1890.

M. E. Comp. Herman C. Duncan, G.H.P.

He mentions the death of Michel Eloï Girard, P.G.H.P., and Past Grand Master, an excellent Mason and one beloved by all.

On foreign relations, Comp. Duncan says:

"Our relations with other grand bodies remain as last reported to you. With the exception of the Grand Chapters of England and New Brunswick we are in fraternal intercourse with all. Having had occasion to have

masonic correspondence on other concerns with the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England, I availed myself of the opportunity to express my regret that our fraternal intercourse as such had been interrupted. I am glad to be able to report to you that the response that I received was the expression of the "hope that ere long we shall see the end of a conflict we all deplore." The spirit of fraternity compels a brother to accept arbitration in a difficulty with another brother, and I cannot understand why the same influence does not possess the same power with grand bodies.

The Grand Chapter of New Brunswick was recognized by us last year. Letters were at once written by our Grand Secretary inviting an exchange of representatives, but to these fraternal suggestions we have received no response.

Our representative near the Grand Chapter of New York resigned in June last. A very worthy past high priest of one of our own chapters is permanently resident in the city of New York. It seems to me that this Grand Chapter needs for its representatives gentlemen the best qualified for such position, and that into such qualification enter at least four elements: (a) good standing; (b) a courteous training; (c) a due store of masonic information; and (d) last, but not least, information respecting Royal Arch Masonry in the jurisdiction he is to represent.

I found all these requisites in the person of the Rev. Henry S. Jacobs, an affiliated member of Orleans-Delta Chapter. The fact that he was still a member of one of our chapters, seems to me to add to his qualifications as an officer of our Grand Chapter, for unquestionably a representative in his character as such is an officer of the Grand Chapter appointing, and not of the body receiving. The conferring upon him of the decoration of honorary membership by the receiving body does not alter his status, for it neither adds to or subtracts from his representative character. Companion Jacobs promptly presented his credentials, but after a delay of five months they were returned to him with the information that the Grand High Priest of New York had found "a regulation of the Grand Chapter which restricts the appointment of representatives of other grand bodies to affiliated members of chapters of this [that] jurisdiction." Companion Jacobs thereupon returned his commission to me. I accepted its return to relieve him from an embarrassing position, and for the further reason that I recognized the fact that fidelity to the regulations of his Grand Chapter required the action that he took at the hands of the Grand High Priest of New York. I felt then that the issue was not of such moment as to interrupt the usual exchange of representatives, and I accordingly wrote to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of New York, requesting him to say for me to his Grand High Priest that it appeared strange to me that his Grand Chapter should undertake to prescribe the qualifications of officers of other grand bodies; that it seemed to me that such action emasculated the office; but that not wishing to raise any issue I desired him to designate a companion who was qualified under the New York law to represent Louisiana, promising to commission him as such. I have not heard further from the authorities of that jurisdiction, and the position of representative remains vacant."

The action of the Grand Chapter of New York appears to be based upon an erroneous conception of the functions of the

Grand Representatives. These ambassadors are not officers of the bodies to which they are accredited and we think that Comp. Duncan is correct in the position he takes.

The constitution was amended so that Past High Priests have now one vote each in the Grand Chapter.

M. E. Comp. Rev. Herman C. Duncan (Alexandria), G H.P.
R. E. Comp. James C. Batchelor, M. D. (New Orleans), G.S.

MAINE.

Sixty-fourth convocation, Portland, May 7th, 1889.

M. E. Comp. Geo. W. Goulding, G H.P.

He mentions the death of Oliver Gerrish, "the Abraham of the Masonic fraternity in this jurisdiction." He was the oldest Mason in the State and had served a longer time in Masonic office than any of his contemporaries. He was a member of Ancient Landmark Lodge for 69 years, had been Grand High Priest and Grand Junior Warden. He died in his 93rd year.

The Grand High Priest visited a number of Chapters and he has a settled conviction that Maine and Royal Arch Masonry are marching arm in arm on the highway of prosperity.

The Grand Secretary has been in office for 36 years. When he was elected in 1854 there were eight chapters with a membership of 400, and there are now 47 chapters and 4383 members. A good showing.

Their new Royal Arch Text Book, by Comps. Sleeper and Drummond, has been published and is ready for distribution. It received the official sanction of the Grand Chapter.

In reviewing our proceedings of 1888, Comp. Drummond has the following on the Australian question :

"We are constrained to say that, in our opinion, the Grand Chapter of Canada has made a mistake and that the Grand Chapter of England is correct in its position.

The "Dependencies of the British Crown" are not "unoccupied territory." In them the Grand Masonic Bodies of England, Ireland and

Scotland, have concurrent but *exclusive* jurisdiction. This has been always conceded. No Grand Body in the United States would for a moment entertain the idea of creating a masonic body in any one of the "Dependencies." When a Grand Body is formed in one of them, it has exclusive jurisdiction in its territory, but may plant subordinates in any "unoccupied territory," and *only* in such territory outside of its own. Such new Grand Body is the peer of the others, but that fact does not give it power to invade the territory of the others. The argument of our Canadian Companions would justify the United States Grand Bodies in establishing subordinates in any British Dependency in which there is not a Grand Body of the same character; and the argument that because Grand Chapters are peers, they may establish chapters in Australia, if carried to its logical result, would justify the Grand Chapter of Canada in planting a chapter wherever any other Grand Chapter can, and *vice versa*, thus absolutely destroying the doctrine of territorial jurisdiction.

We cannot but remark, however, the decided action taken by the Grand Chapter of England in at once declaring these chapters irregular, and forbidding communication with them, and the contrast with the milder and long-suffering action of Quebec under precisely similar *legal* circumstances."

As we have not received the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Scotland, we copy Comp. Drummond's review; also his table of the general statistics of the Royal Arch Chapters of North America, together with the concluding remarks of his valuable report:

"SCOTLAND.

- The Reporter for 1888-89 (Vol. 3, No. 9), has been received. It contains a list of the Supreme Grand Officers; a list of chapters, with their location and their three Principals and Proxy-Principals, who seem to be the acting Principals, with addresses of the latter; a roll of members of the Supreme Grand Chapter; a condensed abstract of the proceedings of the Supreme Chapter and the Supreme Committee during the year; and the financial statistics.

The Proceedings are almost wholly of a routine character.

A special meeting of the Supreme Committee was held to consider the expulsion of the Grand Scribe E. by the Grand Lodge of Scotland. A letter from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge, announcing the fact of the expulsion, was read, and thereupon the following proceedings were had:

"The Committee finds that, in consequence of the action of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, Comp. Wm. Edwards, in conformity with Laws 30 and 31, Cap. XVI, shall be excluded from Supreme Chapter of Scotland, and its subordinate chapters, from and after the Quarterly Communication in December next.

"Comp. James Crichton then proposed the following resolution, which was unanimously agreed to:—"The Supreme Committee wishes to record its deep sense of the excellent manner in which Comp. Edwards has filled the office of Grand Scribe E. during the last seven and a half years, and

much regrets that a breach of the Masonic Law of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, with its consequences, allows of no alternative but the putting in force of Laws 30 and 31, Cap. XVI, whereby the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland is deprived of his valuable services.

“The committee also unanimously recommends that Comp. Edwards receive his salary in full up to March, 1889.”

This action of the committee was approved, and confirmed by the Supreme Grand Chapter at its next session. It was further decided that his office was vacant, but that only an *interim* Grand Scribe E. could be elected; ROBERT S. BROWN, 13 So. Charlotte St., Edinburgh, was elected, and to him all official communications should be addressed.

The following action in relation to a Canadian Chapter at Vancouver, British Columbia, was taken by the Supreme Committee:

“On consideration of a communication from ‘Columbia’ Chapter, No 120, S. C. Victoria, B. C., asking for information as to the powers of the Grand Chapter of Canada to establish a Chapter at Vancouver, B. C., and requesting a ruling on the question of jurisdiction, it was agreed that it was not a case for the interference of the Supreme Chapter.”

We find that the Supreme Committee recommend a list of Supreme Officers; the Supreme Chapter receives the list and makes nominations; at the next session the election takes place; in this instance the list recommended by the committee was unanimously nominated and elected.

Members of the Supreme Committee, to take the places of those whose terms have expired, are elected by ballot, and apparently without previous nominations.” * * *

“STATISTICS.

We append our usual table of Statistics.

It does not include the chapters under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter.

GRAND CHAPTERS.	Members.	Exaltations.	Admissions and Restorations.	Dimissions.	Expulsions.	Suspensions.	Sus. for Non- payment of dues.	Deaths.
Alabama,.....	636	75	25	19	0	0	19	15
Arkansas,...	1,565	135	42	35	1	0	12	28
California,.....	4,480	281	147	68	1	0	65	72
Canada,.....	3,498	237	72	69	0	....	*108	44
Colorado,.....	1,403	119	39	34	0	....	*29	21
Connecticut,.....	4,434	236	25	39	1	0	35	46
Dakota,.....	1,313	268	37	64	0	....	*34	16
Delaware,.....	292	38	2	3	0	....	*3	9
District of Columbia,...	1,394	88	16	23	1	3	29	16
Florida,.....	406	49	14	9	0	....	*13	10
Georgia,†.....	1,172	109	23	38	0	....	*26	17
Illinois,.....	12,614	777	157	322	3	..	*297	143
Indiana,.....	5,099	359	70	137	5	9	109	54
Iowa,.....	6,500	420	84	266	4	....	*134	65
Kansas,.....	3,589	328	115	113	2	....	*50	32
Kentucky,.....	2,188	208	39	55	0	....	*64	44
Louisiana,.....	605	19	13	8	0	5	10	24
Maine,.....	4,538	259	49	63	0	0	73	87
Maryland,.....	1,297	114	17	34	0	....	*15	21
Massachusetts,.....	10,411	725	....	165	2	0	39	163
Michigan,.....	9,325	627	91	165	5	2	110	124
Minnesota,.....	3,258	254	41	73	0	1	24	21
Mississippi,.....	1,072	54	39	33	0	0	26	19
Missouri,.....	5,113	268	104	131	0	....	*113	66
Nebraska,.....	2,176	201	167	30	2	....	*15	21
Nevada,.....	364	17	14	12	0	0	3	3
New Brunswick,†.....	402	27	....	6	0	....	*17	2
New Hampshire,.....	2,579	110	117	31	0	1	0	42
New Jersey,.....	2,523	163	29	39	0	....	*76	29
New York,.....	15,366	1,003	201	281	5	0	609	268
North Carolina,.....	603	50	5	14	0	0	1	7
Nova Scotia,.....	519	42	3	20	0	....	*7	7
Ohio,.....	11,151	770	231	227	9	....	*293	147
Oregon,.....	825	48	25	23	1	0	7	13
Pennsylvania,.....	11,909	718	88	126	3	....	*183	175
Quebec,.....	439	26	5	7	0	....	*12	8
Rhode Island,.....	1,836	87	1	5	0	0	0	26
South Carolina,.....	345	50	28	3	0	0	4	4
Tennessee,.....	1,978	90	12	32	1	0	58	37
Texas,.....	3,942	315	133	137	2	....	*62	69
Vermont,.....	2,205	123	22	15	0	....	*30	30
Virginia,.....	1,418	160	28	75	1	....	22	32
Washington,.....	410	82	12	12	0	0	0	4
West Virginia,.....	529	69	5	10	0	1	11	7
Wisconsin,.....	4,311	250	40	79	1	....	*78	49
	152,132	10,448	2,427	3,150	50	22	2,925	2,137

*Including suspensions for U. M. C., and those stricken from the roll.

†Proceedings not received; same as last year.

It shows an increase in the total membership and in the items of additions and a decrease in items of losses, except there was a slight increase in dimissions and deaths.

Comparing with last year, the total membership in the Grand Chapters is 152,132 against 148,785; the exalations, 10,448 as against 9,702; the admissions and restorations 2,427 against 2,231; the dimissions 3,150 against 3,080; the expulsions 50 against 60; the suspensions (including suspensions for non-payment of dues and dropping from the rolls) 2,947 against 3,065; and the deaths 2,137 against 1,942.

Last year *ten* Grand Chapters showed a falling off in membership, this year, *nine*; Canada, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Vermont, which last year showed a falling off, this year show a gain. On the other hand, Iowa shows a loss of three, and New Jersey, Oregon and Pennsylvania also show a loss, but in the case of Pennsylvania there was an actual gain; the apparent falling off is in consequence of an erroneous statement of the membership last year. In all cases the loss has been very small.

CONCLUSION.

The past year seems to have been one of quite general prosperity. There has been a growing tendency to exercise caution in the creation of new chapters. Except in the younger and more rapidly growing jurisdictions, a less number has been created than has been usual heretofore.

The general adoption of the system of a *per capita* Grand Chapter tax has tended to make the chapters stricter in enforcing the law for non-payment of dues. The increasing age of the chapters necessarily brings with it an increasing number of deaths, so that the amount of work done does not necessarily increase the membership; and in some one half of the jurisdictions the net loss or gain is comparatively small.

The rage for the formation of "benefit societies" has continued until the different kinds of such societies is very large: and yet the inevitable disaster that must overtake many of them has happened so frequently during the year as to cause in some localities quite a reaction, that is sure to increase in the future."

M. E. Comp. Geo. W. Goulding (Oakland), G.H.P.

R. E. Comp. Ira Berry (Portland), G. S.

MARYLAND.

Ninety-second convocation, Baltimore, Nov. 12, 1889.

M. E. Comp. Joseph F. Hindes, G.H.P.

The condition of the craft is satisfactory, the work is being well done and the new ritual is in general use.

The feature of the proceedings is the report on correspondence by Comp. Edward T. Schultz. He reviews in an able manner the proceedings of 41 jurisdictions, including Canada for 1889. Comp. Schultz is opposed in toto to the printing and

selling of Rituals, as practiced in some places ; favors previous service in office before elevation to the chief chair ; thinks it is not necessary for a member to sign the by-laws in order to become a member ; believes that any Companion has a right to dimit and that the non-payment of dues is not a masonic offence of the highest degree and should not be visited with extreme punishment. On contract, he says :

“The payment of the fee and the reception of the degrees by an applicant may be in the nature of an *executed contract*, the same as one purchasing an article of merchandise, paying for and receiving the same. But our comment was upon the statement made by Companion Wilder, that “an applicant becomes a member by signing a contract.

This we deny. Webster defines a contract to be an agreement or covenant between two or more persons, in which each party *binds* himself to do or to forbear some act, and each acquires a *right* to what the other promises, etc. A Lodge does not and cannot *bind* itself to give an applicant the degrees. For, after a favorable ballot is had upon his petition, an objection from any member, even one who may have voted favorably, will prevent the conferring of the degrees upon the applicant.”

M. E. Comp. Robert K. Martin (Baltimore), G.H.P.
R. E. Comp. Geo. L. McCahan (Baltimore), G. S.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Eighty-ninth convocation, Boston, December 10, 1889.
M. E. Comp. Arthur G. Pollard, G.H.P.

They have had a large increase in membership and are enjoying evident prosperity. The Grand High Priest is rightly of opinion that the simple convenience of a candidate is not in itself a good reason for the exercise of the dispensing power. He ruled that a blind man was not eligible for the capitular degrees. Comp. John W. Dadmun keeps up his record as one of the best reporters in the business. Canada for 1889 receives due attention. In reply to a statement that a lodge could not make a man a mason and not make him a member of the lodge, Comp. Dadmun glves the following historical evidence to the contrary, and it is evidently conclusive :

“Now to the law and testimony of Massachusetts. We quote from the records of St. John’s Lodge of Boston, *the oldest regularly warranted Lodge in America*, dated “OCTOBER 24, 1733.”

We begin with the first and second articles of the By-Laws :

1. "NO PERSON shall be made a Mason unless all the Brethren present are unanimous, and if but one be against him he shall be rejected."

2. NO BROTHER shall be admitted a member of this Lodge unless all the members present are unanimous as aforesaid, and upon his or their admission pay twenty shillings, as also their quarterage, agreeable to a previous vote, so many Lodge nights as is part of that quarter to be first discounted, and shall consent to the By-Laws and Regulations of this Lodge by subscribing their names to the same."

The records show that "forty shillings" was the fee for being "made a Mason", and "twenty shillings" the fee for membership. Sometimes the candidates, who were "made Masons" would "propose themselves" for membership immediately. Others would defer applying for membership until a future meeting of the Lodge. Note the following record :

"Wednesday, the 26th day of September, 1739.

"The Lodge being opened, the four gentlemen candidates, Messrs. Underdown, Vaughn, Cation and Smith were conducted into the Lodge, and after the usual ceremonies were made Masons in due Masonic form—and afterwards proposed themselves to be members, and accordingly paid each five shillings."

Not only such was the law in "a remote period in the last century," but it has been continued and *is* the law now in several of the oldest lodges in Massachusetts. The following By-Law of Mount Lebanon Lodge, which was "instituted June 8, A. L. 5801," and in which the writer was made a Mason, in 1858, is conclusive evidence.

"Every Brother who has been initiated, passed, and raised in this or any other Lodge, and is desirous of becoming a member of this Lodge, shall stand proposed for one month, and if he have the unanimous vote of the members present, he shall be admitted and entitled to all the privileges of a member, after signing the By-laws and paying the usual fee ; he shall, however, have the privilege of a second ballot, if he should have only one negative at the first."

In conclusion, we will say that we cannot see a *scintilla* of evidence in the Ancient Charges and Regulations, "Liber B.,"—not known as a regular Lodge—nor the Pennsylvania *Ahiman Rezon* for 1783, to refute the statement that "*A Lodge can make one a member of the Fraternity and not make him a member of the Lodge.*" On the other hand the language used in those documents, so far as it touches the subject, substantiates the foregoing record of Massachusetts and Maine.

Companions, you now have the unvarnished and untarnished law and usage of a Grand Jurisdiction only sixteen years younger than the Grand Lodge of England, presided over in its early history by a Prov. Grand Master of the Mother Grand Lodge—a *record of a hundred and seventy-seven years*. Were our statements based upon an accurate knowledge of the "facts?"

M. E. Comp., Arthur G. Pollard, (Lowell), G. H. P.

R. E. Comp., Alfred F. Chapman, (Boston), G. S.

MICHIGAN.

Forty-first convocation, Grand Rapids, January 21st, 1890.
M. E. Comp. William Wente, G.H.P.

The address of the Grand High Priest is able and interesting. From his introduction we quote the following :

“ Claiming to be speculative in our profession, the weal or woe of our common country and its inhabitants, nay, of the whole human race, is a theme furnishing food for reflection to every thinking Mason. It is not necessary for me to draw upon imagination when I say, that within the length of a cable tow of the home of every Mason present there is to be found more or less suffering for the want of those things that make life bearable. Was there ever before a time in the history of this land when so great a percentage of its people were supported by charity? Was there ever before so great a percentage in the poor houses? or in the mad houses?

We read with patriotic pride, statistics showing the accumulated wealth to an average number of dollars per capita of the population ; we are told by the public prints, and by each succeeding census report, that the wealth of the country has increased a certain number of percents. Alleged pessimists tell us, and I think truthfully, that the great bulk of the accumulated wealth of the country is owned by a surprisingly small percentage of its inhabitants. the natural sequence being that a correspondingly large complement must be painfully short of the reputed average. The fact remains that, with granaries and storehouses never before so full, there never before was so much poverty, distress and crime.

Never before were the agricultural properties of the country so covered with mortgage liens, and the gnawing interest is no respecter of the winter season, nor of the night, nor even of the Sabbath.

Never before was corruption so flagrant and bold in the administration of public business.

How are we to account for these anomalous extremes? How can the tide of this state of affairs be turned? Temporarily providing by charity for the sustenance of life is no remedy for the growing evil, for a growing evil it is ; it stares us in the face, and, like Banquo's ghost, will not down. It is the social problem of to-day. While we may be unable to suggest a remedy, or, if we could, to put it into practical operation, it is the duty of every thinker to contribute to that common stock of knowledge that will lead to its solution.

The most practical charity of all is that which helps others to help themselves, and therein must lie the solution. Is a solution possible under our present system of political economy.”

Two new Chapters were formed. The use of substitutes is prohibited in this Jurisdiction. The Grand High Priest also decided that a diploma is not of itself sufficient evidence of a Companion's standing. The Grand Secretary reports on correspondence and his report covers 247 pages. Canada for

1889 receives full attention. Comps. McLellan and Mitchell are styled "Right men in the right place."

M. E. Comp. William G. Hudson (Ludington,) G.H.P.

R. E. Comp. William P. Innes (Grand Rapids,) G.S.

MINNESOTA.

Twenty-eighrh convocation, St. Paul, September 24th, 1889.

M. E. Comp. Charles L. West, G.H.P.

A new Chapter was formed at Anoka. They are having some trouble in this Jurisdiction with the Cerneau branch of the Scottish Rite and the following resolutions were adopted with but three dissentients :

"WHEREAS, This Grand Chapter recognizes as legitimate, in this country, the Grand Lodges of the respective states, the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States and the Grand Royal Arch Chapters of the respective states, the General Grand Council of Royal Scottish Masons of the United States and the Grand Councils of the respective states, the Grand Encampment of the United States and the Grand Commanderies Knights Templar of the respective states, the Supreme Council of the Northern Jurisdiction of the United States, of which Henry L. Palmer is Grand Commander; the Supreme Council of the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States, of which Albert Pike is Grand Commander, with their respective constituent bodies; and

WHEREAS, An element of discord and disturbance has arisen within this Jurisdiction, and

WHEREAS, This disturbing element is known as the "Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite of the United States, their Territories and Dependencies," and commonly known as the "Cerneau" body, which have been declared spurious and illegitimate by numerous Grand Bodies, and who have never received any recognition by any Supreme Council in the world, save by the Grand Orient of France; and

WHEREAS, The Grand Orient of France having eliminated the name of God from its rituals, and thereby placed themselves outside of the pale of masonic recognition, be it therefore

Resolved, That any Royal Arch Mason who shall hereafter receive or take any so-called masonic degeees from any man or body of men not hereinbefore mentioned, and recognized and admitted as legitimate, shall be expelled from all the rights and privileges of Capitular Masonry.

Resolved, That any Royal Arch Mason who shall communicate or sell, or be present at or assist in the conferring, communicating or selling, or soliciting anyone to receive or apply for any so-called masonic degree or degrees not hereinbefore recognized or admitted, shall be expelled from all the rights and privileges of Capitular Masonry.

Resolved, That the M. E. Grand High Priest be requested to issue his edict to this effect, and that all companions of his obedience now allied with these spurious bodies withdraw from them under penalty of expulsion from all rights and privileges of Capitular Masonry."

We tender our deepest sympathy to our companions in Minnesota in the loss of their Grand Secretary who died in November last. Comp. A. T. C. Pierson was a Past Grand High Priest, and for twenty years their Grand Secretary. He was well and favorably known throughout the continent in all Masonic Bodies as a true man, and an able exponent of all masonic principles.

The report on correspondence was commenced by Comp. Pierson and finished by Comp. Irving Todd. Canada for 1889 is noticed.

M. E. Comp. Hugh Kirkwood (Minneapolis,) G.H.P.
R. E. Comp. Thos. Montgomery (St. Paul,) G.S.

MISSOURI.

Forty-second convocation, St. Louis, April 25th, 1889.
M. E. Comp. William B. Wilson, G.H.P.

He held eight state chapters of instruction which were well attended by companions full of zeal and diligence, and much good resulted therefrom. He formed one new Chapter.

The sum of \$100 was voted for the relief of a Past Grand High Priest.

In future no Chapter is to be named after any living person.

The Grand Secretary reports on correspondence.

M. E. Comp. James P. Wood (New London,) G.H.P.
R. E. Comp. William H. Mayo (St. Louis,) G.S.

NEVADA.

Sixteenth convocation, Virginia City, June 10th, 1889.
M. E. Comp. Enoch Strother, G.H.P.

In his opening remarks he says :

"My Companions, one and all, I greet and welcome you to this our sixteenth Annual Convocation, which, by your vote, is again held at the birth-place of this Grand Chapter.

In the language of an Eastern Companion, its birth-place is romantic and grand in its barrenness, sitting, as it does, in the lap of rugged Mount Davidson (or Sun Mountain), as it was formerly called.

"Look well to the east"—at its feet lies the seventeen mile desert, with its shifting sands and burning alkalies. "Look well to the west"—towering 1,600 feet above your heads is the wrinkled brow of grand old Mount Davidson. "Look well to the south," and behold the magnificent snow-clad peaks of the Sierra Nevadas. And beneath your feet, in the bowels of the earth, 500 to 3,000 feet in depth, is a city grander than the first; with streets, alleys, cross-cuts and stopes lined with massive gold and silver. Already she has given to the world between four and five hundred millions in gold and silver. And there still lies buried in her mysterious depth, concealed from our Companions, many more valuable secrets of its hidden millions [The gold and silver alone that has been taken from beneath our feet has been no mean portion of the wealth of the United States.]

And, Companions, should you desire to descend into these mysterious realms, and visit this strange city, you will find true and trusted Companions on each level, who will guide you over the rough and rugged roads, lead you in paths you have not known, make the darkness light before you, and the crooked things straight. These things they will do unto you, and not forsake you."

The Grand High Priest visited several Chapters and found them well supplied with good paraphernalia and with healthy treasuries. Thereports do not indicate any increase in numbers. They have eight Chapters and 353 members.

It was ordered that the appointments of Grand Representatives should be made for a term of three years.

Comp. Frank Bell is the author of the report on correspondence. Canada for 1888 is mentioned.

M. E. Comp. Philip A. Doyle (Carson City,) G.H.P.

R. E. Comp. Chauncey N. Noteware (Carson City,) G.S.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Seventy-first convocation, Concord, May 14th, 1889.

M. E. Comp. Harlan P. Goodrich, G.H.P.

The past year has been one of continued prosperity, and no discord has arisen. The majority of the Chapters were visited and the Companions found full of zeal and interest in

the work. They have 21 Chapters and 2,607 members—an increase of 28.

Comp. A. S. Wait has an excellent report on correspondence. He quotes from our proceedings of 1888 the report of the Executive Committee on the issue of the Australian warrants and says :

“ From any point of view which we have ever gained, we do not see how the doctrine held by our Canada Companions can be successfully questioned. The ground of that doctrine is stated fully by the committee, and needs no amplification. We believe it ought to be sustained and the action of our sister Grand Chapter of Canada upheld.”

M. E. Comp. Nathan P. Hunt (Manchester,) G.H.P

R. E. Comp. George P. Cleaves (Concord,) G.S.

NEW YORK.

Ninety-third Convocation, Albany, Feb, 4, 1890.

M. E. Comp. Richard H. Parker, G.H.P.

The address of the Grand High Priest opens with a reference to the deaths of their two Senior Past Grand High Priests, John L. Lewis and Darius A. Ogden, both men of renown and veterans in the cause. Comp. Ogden was for seventeen years Chairman of Correspondence and his reports were always intellectually brilliant and thorough in defence of true and just principles. Comp. Lewis had a wide reputation as an able Masonic jurist and ritualist, and he filled the highest positions in the craft with remarkable ability. These distinguished Companions were of the same age, 76, and died within a short time of each other. After giving some details of their lives, Comp. Parker says :—

“ Singular coincidences marked the lives of these Most Excellent Companions. For nearly sixty years they had lived as neighbors in the same unpretentious village ; both adopted the same profession ; that of the law and both attained eminent positions therein ; both were allied to the same political party, and often filled political offices of distinction, honor and trust, both were alike ardent in their Masonic labors, traveling hand in hand in the same pathway and attaining almost alike official honors ; both were of like social natures and characteristics ; and both died within a few weeks of each other, and their remains were interred in the same cemetery where rest the mortal parts of their kindred.”

The Grand Chapter of New York some years ago decided

that Representatives from other Grand Chapters should be members of a Chapter in New York, and this occasioned some surprise to Louisiana, who appointed a member of one of their own Chapters, though resident in New York, to that position. Comp. Parker thus recounts the situation.

“ On the date of June 11th, 1889, M. E. Seymour H. Stone, Past Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter, resigned the office of representative of the Grand Chapter of Louisiana, near this Grand Chapter, and recommended a qualified companion of this jurisdiction to fill the vacancy.

The Grand High Priest of Louisiana disregarded the recommendation of M. E. Comp. Stone, and appointed Comp. and Rev. Henry S. Jacobs, of New York City, to the position, whom I subsequently learned was not a member of any Chapter in this jurisdiction, but his name standing on the roll of a Chapter in New Orleans as an honorary member.

Notwithstanding, the appointment was made without my recommendation, and, therefore, not in accordance with the usages governing such appointments, yet in deference to the wishes of the M. E. Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Louisiana, I should have approved the appointment had I not been confronted by a decision of the Grand Chapter restricting the appointment of representatives of other Grand Chapters to affiliated members of Chapters in this jurisdiction. I therefore directed the Grand Secretary to return the commission of appointment to Comp. Jacobs unapproved, giving the decision of the Grand Chapter, relative to the subject, as my reason for so doing, and also to inform the Grand High Priest of Louisiana, of my action in the matter, and nominating a companion of this jurisdiction for the vacancy and recommending his appointment.

Subsequently R. E. Comp. Fox informed me that he had carried out my instructions, and had received a communication from the Grand High Priest of Louisiana, in relation to the matter, which he forwarded to me and from which I extract the following :

“ May I be permitted to express my profound surprise that your Grand Chapter should presume to determine the qualifications of an officer of another Grand jurisdiction, for our representative is surely our officer, and not yours. As well might Austria enact that no foreign minister should be received by her Court, unless he was a citizen of Austria.”

The letter was received at a time so near the annual convocation of this Grand Chapter, that I concluded to defer further action in the matter, and refer it to you with the correspondence, that you may take such action as you deem best under the circumstances.”

By the adoption of the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, this action of the Grand High Priest was sustained. The Committee do not give any arguments in support of their position, but simply say that is their law.

“ The matter of the representation of the Grand Chapter of Louisiana, near this Grand Chapter, has also received the consideration of your Committee. Whilst they regret exceedingly that anything should ever occur tending in the smallest degree to disturb the harmony which exists between

this Grand Chapter and the Grand Chapters of other States, they believe that the action taken by the Grand High Priest in the matter to be fully sustained by the law of this Grand Chapter, as heretofore pronounced."

M. E. Comp. David F. Day, of Buffalo, the general Grand High Priest of the general Grand Chapter, was received and accorded the recognition due to his exalted station.

The report of the Committee on Rituals was adopted as follows :

' Your Committee are deeply impressed with the necessity of some positive action on the part of the Grand Chapter to secure the attainment of at least some degree of proficiency by the candidate in the degrees already received before advancement can take place. But this should not be left to the option of the High Priests of the several Chapters, but be regulated by some authoritative action on the part of this Grand Body, as in the opinion of your Committee, it cheapens Royal Arch Masonry by undue haste and over anxiety to rush brethren through the Chapter.

We would therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the High Priests of the several Chapters in this jurisdiction shall hereafter exact a knowledge of the short lectures as promulgated by the Grand Lecturer, in the degrees of Mark Master Mason, Past Master and Most Excellent Master, before a candidate shall be exalted to the most sublime degree of Royal Arch Mason, and that at least two weeks shall elapse between the conferring of the degree of Most Excellent Master and that of the Royal Arch.

In view of the grand work being done by our Excellent Grand Lecturer, we reiterate the recommendation of the Committee on Rituals of last year that he be continued as Grand Lecturer and Grand Visitor of this Grand Body."

We also quote the opening remarks of the Committee on Jurisprudence, and we can bear personal testimony to the great worth and conspicuous talents of Comps. Simons and Ogden :

"The Committee on Jurisprudence, at the very outset of their labors, were deeply impressed by the fact that for many years they have been favored with the co-operation of one or more of the distinguished companions, whose deaths, within the last two years, have left so wide a void in the Councils of the Grand Chapter. Never before, for twenty years at least, have the Committee discharged their duties without the benefit of the long experience, the profound learning and the matured judgment of such companions as John W. Simons, Darius A. Ogden and John L. Lewis. For at least twenty years, one or more of these companions have been associated with the Committee in the solution of the always important, and oftentimes difficult, problems which have been referred to them by the Grand Chapter. It need not be said that they were as sadly missed by the Committee as they have been by the entire Grand Chapter. The Committee seemed scarcely, to themselves, in the absence of these companions, to be the Committee on Royal Arch Jurisprudence. Their late associates were men very different in the structure of their minds ; very different in their methods of thought ; but they were always one in their devotion to Masonic principles and in

their defense of the landmarks of Masonry. Rarely, or perhaps never, was it the fact that when they were co-laborers in this Committee, their conclusions were not at last in perfect accord. They were like three of the great rivers of the earth, diverging widely in their courses, but at last pouring their tributes of waters into the one boundless sea. Our deceased companions, largely because of their labors in this Committee, were recognized as among the chief Masonic authorities of the world. Well may it be asked, 'When shall we look upon their like again?' "

A pleasing feature in these proceedings is the address of Rev. James Byron Murray, Grand Chaplain on "Washington as a Mason." It is a most scholarly and able production, replete with eloquence and beautiful sentiments, and we regret that our space will not allow us to copy it entire :

"The fraternity had been to Washington a kindly refuge. He sought its calm retreat amidst the anxieties and responsibility of war and the administrations of government. Its ministries of peace and brotherhood brought tranquility to his troubled spirit and loosened the burdens that weighed him down. It had in it the Temple towards which he ever turned and through whose opened veils, there came a light to guide, and a voice to hush discordant forces into the harmony of repose. But if there was the Temple of peace, there was also the Temple of work. In that he wrought a master workman the years of his life with their achievements, lofty designs and steadfast aims. If he wielded the mallet to guide and control, he wielded the trowel to build up and cement the carved stones of the fair structure. On the field where battle had been fought, he raised the Lodge, a veritable tabernacle in the wilderness to show that peace was the issue he sought. And when the long war was ended and peace had come to the land and the waves of human passion had stilled themselves into calm, he was Washington the brother in Masonry no less than Washington the Patriot and Soldier.

His Masonic, like his public character, was so compact, so adjusted in every part that it was the expression of harmony. He wore the jewels of Masonry unstained, and his life was illumined by their constant splendor. His zealous loyalty to their principles, his unswerving fidelity to whatever was in them, of the true, the right, the noble, were the secret of his action in all positions of trust or power. They were the shield with which he went out to all duty ; like the shield of the Spartan soldier ; with this or on it ; returning with victory or dead upon it, with no stains on the courage or honor. For he had reached that standard of manhood set by a great world thinker. He had added to faith virtue or manliness, and to virtue knowledge, and to knowledge temperance, and to temperance brotherly kindness and to brotherly kindness charity. At the very foundation lay faith, and that made all other things possible."

Comp. Geo. J. Gardner takes up the pen of the lamented Ogden as Chairman of Correspondence and presents a very interesting report of 165 pages. He refrains from much criticism, but his comments bespeak clear head, and are well expressed in choice language. He is evidently a close student

and does his work thoroughly and well. In his opening remarks he says :

“ Called as we were, so unexpectedly, by a melancholy dispensation of Divine Providence, in the removal, by death, of our late colleague and chairman, M. E. Dairus A. Ogden, Past Grand High Priest, to discharge a duty devolving upon us as his successors, a duty in which we were inexperienced, and to follow in the footsteps of one who for seventeen consecutive years had filled the position of head of the Committee with satisfactory signal ability, we approached the task “with fear and trembling.”

We felt as it were like treading on holy ground, to take up a work of such magnitude, and which had been performed for so great a length of time with such zeal and ability as to command the “well done” of our sister jurisdictions in a remarkable degree, and to call forth the unstinted praise of those high in authority and “men of renown” throughout the entire jurisdiction, not only of our own General Grand Chapter, but of the governing bodies of foreign countries.

A poet has said :

“That fools step in where angels fear to tread.”

The emergency demanded that the work should be performed, and at the command of our chief executive officer having authority, we dared to venture. As we progressed in the work we found with what degree of respect and esteem our late colleague was held. In nearly every volume of Proceedings, which it was our duty to review, we found his name mentioned in the highest commendatory terms as one thoroughly versed in all that appertained to Masonic law and usage.

He was looked upon as the Nestor of judicial Masonic writers. His opinions and criticisms freely and charitably expressed, as to the acts of the Grand Bodies of the Royal Craft, were kindly received and cheerfully yielded to, as from one who knew whereof he spoke.

His legal acumen stood unquestioned, and his knowledge of the work of the Craft, whether esoteric or exoteric, was acknowledged without hesitancy, and his views at once acquiesced in.

His acquaintance with the laws, customs and usages of the different Grand Jurisdictions, derived from his long service in the varied branches of the Masonic system, and close study of the reports annually submitted to him, was thorough and extensive, and he imparted the knowledge thus acquired, and made practical application thereof in all his labors in the committee in behalf of which he devoted his best energies and talents.

But we leave it to others to do justice to his memory. We have deemed this feeble tribute to his worth as a “wise man and accomplished Freemason,” as eminently due from those who were associated with him in his labors for the Craft. His pen is laid aside forever. The hand that wielded it is nerveless, and the brain is paralyzed that conceived the sentiments it recorded. He has left his indelible impress upon this Grand Chapter, and although the material form is laid away to await the resurrection, “his works do follow him.”

Our proceedings for 1889 receive a good notice. Comp. Gardner thinks that in our District Reports we excel all others and that

“The Proceedings of this Body are unusually well detailed, the numerical tables full and complete and the general typographical appearance pleasing to the eye and admirably executed, more so than in some larger volumes we have received.”

M. E. Comp. Wm. J. McDonald, (New York,) G.H.P.

R. E. Comp. Christopher G. Fox, (Buffalo,) G.S.

NORTH CAROLINA.

Forty-first Convocation, Wilmington, May 21, 1889.

M. E. Comp. George H. Bell, G. H. P.

Notwithstanding many obstacles, the Craft is growing and the Grand High Priest has observed many signs of interest being shown which he has not seen before for ten years. The disparity in the work has been a source of discord and he recommends immediate action to correct the evil. He also insists on greater strictness being observed in the proficiency of candidates before advancement. Two new Chapters were organized.

No action appears to have been taken on the recommendations of the Grand High Priest.

Canada for 1888 receives kindly mention.

M. E. Comp. Morris M. Katz, (Wilmington,) G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. Donald W. Bain, (Raleigh,) G. S.

NORTH DAKOTA.

The division of the territory of Dakota by an act of the Congress of the United States, and the formation of two separate states out of that territory has naturally caused the division of the Grand Chapter of Dakota into two Grand Chapters for North Dakota and South Dakota.

Pursuant to the action of the Grand Chapter of Dakota, a convention was held at Mitchell on June 11, 1889, at which all the seven Chapters in North Dakota were represented. The new Grand Chapter of North Dakota was duly formed. A constitution and by-laws were adopted and officers elected.

An adjourned meeting was subsequently held at Fargo on January 9, 1890, when the Grand Chapter was properly consti

tuted by Comp. T. S. Parvin, of Iowa, a deputy specially authorized for that purpose by the General Grand High Priest.

M. E. Comp. John Davidson, (Bismarck,) G.H.P

R. E. Comp Thomas J. Wilder, (Casseltou,) G.S.

NOVA SCOTIA.

Twentieth Convocation, Pictou, June 11th, 1889.

M. E. Comp. John W. Ruhland, G.H.P.

The address is very good. He refers to the change in their law allowing them to hold their meetings outside of the city of Halifax as an improvement.

“As it gives us the pleasure of meeting in Grand Convocation this year in the old Town of Pictou, and an opportunity of meeting with a large number of Companions belonging to the Chapters in this section of Nova Scotia, and also from Prince Edward Island; and giving Companions from the Capital a pleasurable relaxation from their every-day city life, and a chance of being invigorated and refreshed by the pure air and picturesque surroundings of the Shire Town of a county so richly dowered by nature, and so rich in its mineral wealth, its manufactories, its industries and its ship building interests; and not least in our present circumstances to-day; by the kindly greeting extended to us, and the characteristic hospitality of those whom we are glad to visit at their home.”

They commenced in 1869 with three Chapters and 136 members; now they have 12 Chapters and 523 members, all alive and earnestly at work. After recounting their prosperity, their industries gathering strength, their mines full of “Black Diamonds,” their seas yielding fully of their abundance, and their fields and famous orchards bringing forth their fruits in due season, Comp. Ruhland mentions with grief the death of their Grand Secretary, Benjamin Curren, P.G.H.P., a warm-hearted, zealous and energetic Companion.

Comp. Ruhland refused a dispensation to wear regalia at a ball. He visited all of the subordinate Chapters except one, which is located in Newfoundland. Royal Union, No. 1, at Halifax, was chartered 109 years ago.

The Grand Chapter took over the order of High Priesthood from the Grand Council which formerly controlled this degree. It had not worked since 1885, but hereafter all High

Priests are to receive this degree as a requisite for installation, and they are not allowed to confer the Royal Arch Degree until they have been regularly anointed.

M. E. Comp. G. W. Wakford, (Charlottetown, P.E.I.) G. H. P.
R. E. Comp. Geo. T. Smithers, (Halifax,) G.S.

OREGON

Twenty-ninth convocation, Portland, June 10, 1889.

M. E. Comp. T. McF. Patton, G.H.P.

Their prosperity has continued, their population has increased wonderfully, the various Chapters are advancing and no official decisions were rendered during the year. On the work he says :

"The question of "work" has occupied the attention of this Grand Chapter for many years, and notwithstanding the action had from time to time providing for its dissemination, the subordinate chapters are still looking for the promised "*Manna*."

At our last annual convocation the matter was again considered, and after a thorough discussion, regulations were adopted. which, at the time, were considered ample in their provisions to insure thorough work. A Grand Lecturer was chosen, funds appropriated, and yet, the result is about the same as in former years.

The Grand Lecturer may, in his report, give good and satisfactory reasons for this apparent failure to produce satisfactory results.

My personal views on this subject have been repeatedly expressed before this Grand Chapter, consequently I have no recommendation to submit. I would simply suggest that as the views and opinions of the majority of this Grand Body have been tried time and again and proven a failure, that the views of the minority be given at least one trial and compare results."

A motion to abolish the Grand Lecturer was lost by 22 to 37, and the following resolutions were adopted :

"*Resolved*, That all resolutions and parts of resolutions providing for any payments to the Grand Lecturer out of the funds of the Grand Chapter for services in visiting the chapters in this jurisdiction, be and the same are hereby repealed. And be it further--

Resolved, That any chapter needing the services of the Grand Lecturer may, at any time, call upon him for his services, paying him therefor whatever sum may be agreed upon between such chapter and the Grand Lecturer."

The three year term was adopted for Grand Representatives.

Owing to the fire disaster at Seattle, the Grand Secretary

was unavoidably absent, but he was unanimously re-elected by a rising vote. His report on correspondence is full and interesting. Canada for 1888 has a good notice. Under "Massachusetts," he says :

"Well, Companion Dadmun, Oregon, too, is very much in the condition of another clergyman, and here is the "assortment" : Father Whittimore, many years ago, when he labored so hard to convince his Boston hearers of the truth of Universalism, an esteemed old lady, thoroughly orthodox, promised Father W. that she would hear him preach. So, mustering up the necessary courage, she ventured to enter his Universalist church. The sermon was a sound religious effort, and it so affected the old lady that she was determined to know before she left the church if Father Whittimore really had embraced religion. Waiting her opportunity for him to come from the pulpit, she, with a motherly, deep solicitude, said, "Father Whittimore, have you really got religion?" Father W., with characteristic humbleness of spirit answered, 'none to boast of, my dear madam.'"

M. E. Comp. Donald McKay, (Portland,) G.H.P.

R. E. Comp. R. P. Earhart, (Portland,) G.S.

QUEBEC

Thirteenth convocation, Quebec, Jan. 28, 1890.

M. E. Comp. Edson Fitch, as Grand Z.

Owing to "La Grippe" the Grand Z., Comp. W. H. Whyte, was absent. His labors were light, no decisions asked for and the membership remains about the same as last year. He received with much pleasure his appointment as the representative of the Grand Chapter of Canada.

The best part of these proceedings is the beginning of the report on correspondence by Comp. E. T. D. Chambers :

"Again, as last year, we find cause for congratulation in the continuance of peace and prosperity in the various jurisdictions reviewed. No important questions of Masonic Jurisprudence have arisen during the past year, and there are no new matters of jurisdictional dispute to disturb the existing harmony by their unseemly contentions. The long existing difficulty between our own Grand Chapter, and the Grand M. M. M. Lodge of England and Wales remains *in statu quo*, in the hope that its solution may follow the anticipated settlement of similar difficulties in the symbolical masonry of the two jurisdictions involved. Peace and harmony continue to mark the progress of the Royal Craft, and there has been an increase in the membership of the various Grand Chapters of the United States and the Dominion of Canada of some 3,000 over 1888 ; the total figure for 1889, according to the admirable table of Comp. J. C. Kidd, of Texas, being 152,629. The increase might have been larger. It scarcely equals that of 1888 over 1887. It would doubtless have been greater, had some Southern jurisdictions

experienced the expected return of business and Masonic prosperity. It would also have been very much larger but for the enormous number of resignations reported in some jurisdictions.

This question of keeping the members we make is one of the most important that engages the attention of the Masonic world. It is worthy the mature consideration of the most ripened and experienced Masonic minds. It has attracted the notice of the foremost contributors to the Masonic literature of the day. Many of the most gifted reviewers of Foreign Correspondence have offered and invited suggestions upon the subject. With much that has been written upon the matter we are in full accord. But from the views of those who advocate the adoption of drastic measures, we most emphatically dissent. Masonry is *free* and seeks to enthrall nobody. It can do without those who can do without it. Nay it is better without those who do not feel the duty imposed upon them of continuing the small contribution to its maintainence, that they knew would be expected of them, when they petitioned to be admitted to its privileges and mysteries. There are others whose membership it would have been desirable to retain, and whose interest in the Craft might never have diminished, had proper methods been employed for maintaining it. In some jurisdictions the excuse for a decreased membership is that Companions seek the Capitular degrees, simply as a stepping stone to those of chivalric Masonry. *En passant* we may be permitted to remark, that we believe it to be only right that the Royal Arch degrees should be made a pre-requisite, not only for Masonic Knighthood, but also for the so-called higher degrees. He who can truly say that his "love for genuine Freemasonry" led him thither, would not object to be required to manifest such love, to the extent at least, of taking the beautiful degrees of Capitular Masonry that are so closely connected with that of a Master Mason, before being advanced to further light. The membership of the Royal Arch cannot but be injuriously affected by the allurements of those, who in certain jurisdictions assure the newly raised Master Mason that he may almost immediately proceed to higher degrees, without taking those of Capitular Masonry. Beautiful as these higher degrees are, we defy anybody who has passed, before reaching them, through those of the Royal Arch when properly conferred, to say that having taken these latter as a stepping-stone to others, he had no further use for them after attaining the object of his ambition. Such an occurrence could only result from the possession of a mind incapable of appreciating the most beautiful of rituals and ceremonies and the most sublime of teachings, or from the misfortune of having received them at the hands of inefficient and unimpressive Chapter Masons. The selection of such Companions as officers of a Chapter is often a fruitful cause of decreasing membership. There are Masons who will not attend Lodge or Chapter meetings that are dull and uninviting—where work is slovenly performed and ceremonies omitted, or where in the absence of work to do, there is a certainty of no instruction being conveyed, no matter of interest being introduced, no social intercourse promoted after the Chapter has been closed or when called off from labor to refreshment.

Let us see that Chapter work does not degenerate into either a mere *communication* of degrees on the one hand, or into something that might be a penny reading on the other, so far at least as any impression made by it upon the candidate is concerned. Let there be useful instruction from the chair, some interesting topic of discussion, some form of social intercourse between the members, at the close of or during the convocations at which there is no work to be done. Let none but efficient officers be elected and

installed, and above all, let the responsibility of vouching to the installing officer for the qualifications of the presiding officers-elect be conscientiously borne, and no longer treated as an idle formula. Let us beware of canvassing and of office seekers. The only intimation of his aspiration for office that a good Mason ought to give, is his self preparation for any chair that he might reasonably expect to be called to fill by the choice of his Brethren or Companions. If he be disappointed in his legitimate aspirations, he will not resent the expressed will of the majority as a personal slight, nor hastily conclude that the Lodge or Chapter wants none of him. He will rather do his best to possess his soul in peace, and to bear in mind that time sets all things right. Instead of looking resentfully around he will look well within, and honestly endeavor to ascertain whether he may not himself have failed to remember and profit by the lessons taught him in the P. M degree.

We are far from affecting to be the Œdipus that is to solve the enigma of non-affiliation, but we have no doubt at all that by a careful observance of the rules which are suggested above, and by practising—both in the Chapter and out of it—the principles which we teach, we shall engage the interest and retain the membership of ninety per cent. of all the good men that join our ranks,”

Our proceedings of 1889 receive due notice.

M. E. Comp. David Seath, (Montreal,) Grand Z.

R. E. Comp. Joseph Mitchell, (Montreal,) Grand Scribe E

RHODE ISLAND

Ninety-first convocation, Providence, March 12, 1889.

M. E. Comp. George M. Carpenter, G.H.P.

The year has past without especial incident and the Annual Festival finds all the Chapters in the enjoyment of peace and prosperity. We quote the following paragraphs from the address of the Grand High Priest:—

“I am again indebted to the R. E. Companions of the Council for the performance of the work of inspection of the Subordinate Chapters and for presiding at their elections. I have also kept myself personally informed as to the progress of our work, and I have the satisfaction to say that I think all the Chapters are in good condition and that there is at present no occasion for any action on your part in this regard. * * * *

I have on several occasions issued dispensations for the holding of the convocations of subordinate Chapters at times more convenient than those prescribed by their by-laws, in each case requiring that due notice should be given to the members. I have received several requests for dispensations to ballot out of time on the applications of candidates for the degrees, and have in each case declined the application, explaining that I do not think it wise to authorize a course of proceeding which may result in depriving any Companion of his opportunity, in the regular way and at the regular time, to pass on the question of admitting candidates to companionship among us.

I have relinquished your jurisdiction over Brother Nathaniel Fordham

Drayton, now residing in Providence, a member of Union Lodge No. 18, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, so that he may apply for the degrees of Royal Arch Masonry to a subordinate Chapter in Boston, being satisfied that he is a man of exemplary character and that his personal and friendly relations are with the Companions in Boston to a much greater extent than with our own Companions in Providence.

The task of instructing the officers and members of the Chapters in the work and lectures of the degrees has been diligently prosecuted during the past year by E. Horace S. Richardson, our Grand Lecturer. He has made four official visits for the purpose of exemplification of the work, besides the performance of other official duties at the request of myself and others of the Grand Council. He reports that in his opinion the special visitations and exemplifications which have been had in pursuance of the order taken by Grand Chapter two years ago, have resulted in awakening a renewed interest in all the Chapters and in establishing a decided improvement in the method and style of the work, and he cites the fact that three of the Chapters, in which for several years no work had been done, now have candidates who have received part of the degrees and others who are applicants for admission. E. Companion Richardson has this year, as last year, declined to receive any remuneration for his services and I have given direction that the expenses incurred in his visits shall be paid out of the treasury."

They have ten Chapters and 1,879 members, an increase of 43. Ninety-two were exalted during the year.

M. E. Comp. Robert S. Franklin, (Newport,) G.H.P.

R. E. Comp. William R. Greene, (Providence,) G.S.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

A convention of the Chapters of South Dakota was held at Mitchell, June 11th, 1889, at which it was resolved to form the Grand Chapter of South Dakota. A constitution was adopted and officers elected. There are twenty-one Chapters in the new state and eighteen were represented at the convention.

An adjourned meeting was held at Yankton on January 6th, 1890, and the new Grand Chapter was duly constituted by Comp. T. S. Parvin of Iowa, as the special representative of the General Grand High Priest.

In the division of property, the library of the Grand Chapter of Dakota went to North Dakota, the records to South Dakota and the moneys and printed blanks were equally divided.

M. E. Comp. Henry S. Williams, (Aberdeen,) G.H.P.

George A. Pettigrew, (Flandrau,) G.S.

TEXAS.

Fortieth convocation, Houston, December 10th, 1889.

M. E. Comp. R. M. Harkness, G.H.P.

The Chapters are healthy and prosperous. Two new Chapters were formed, and several that were dormant have applied to have their charters restored.

The committee on work were in attendance for one week prior to the opening of the Grand Chapter and held daily sessions for the instruction of delegates, many of whom became thorough in the ritual. The committee consists of four members and the expenses amounted to \$400.

The various committees had considerable work before them and they appear to have discharged their duties in a satisfactory manner. The Grand High Priest was authorized to remit the back dues of dormant Chapters on their resuming work.

A capital report on correspondence was presented by Comp. J. C. Kidd, whose spicy comments make very interesting reading. In his review of Maine, he has the following on landmarks and dimissions :—

“ We have had the question asked us often by young companions, what are the landmarks and how they are to know when a “ Constitution ” is not in conflict, and what one is to do if the Grand Body passes a resolution which the individual thinks is “ subversive, ” etc. ? The only answer we could give was that study would enable them to form their own conclusions as to the ‘ what ’ part, and then they could take action regarding the latter as their judgment dictated, always bearing in mind that they would also have to take the consequences, if their conclusions was different from that of the Grand Body. An answer that amounted to possibly nothing, but when one learned writer says ‘ you can ’ and another equally learned says ‘ you cannot, ’ it was the best we could do.” * * * * *

“ The question was propounded some years ago as to how a conscientious man was ‘ to get out of ’ Masonry when convinced he should not be there. After stating the difficulties in the way, Comp. D. writes :

‘ But if a Mason comes conscientiously to the conclusion that his superior duties are in conflict with his continuing to be a Mason, we believe that there should be some way out other than expulsion. We observe that those who have undertaken to answer the question, have not met this point.’

This question, like many others, is more a ‘ theory ’ than a ‘ fact ’ to our mind. ‘ Once a Mason, always a Mason, ’ is true just to the same extent and in the same way that a man having committed a forgery is a

'forger.' He cannot relieve himself of the fact, but in the first case, if his conscientious scruples prevent his actively continuing to be a Mason all he has to do is to pay his dues, take a dimit and go about his business, of course, regretting that he has ever committed the offense. There is not the least necessity of his bringing the matter to his Lodge or proclaiming to the world how great a sinner he had been. We know that this way of putting it is open to the charge of flippancy, but it is true all the same."

He thinks that the cause of so many becoming non-affiliated is the formation of so many new societies with high-sounding titles and attractive benefits and emoluments, and very justly condemns the Mason who would endeavor to degrade the craft from its high position:—

"With a man, who between Masonry and a beneficiary institution chooses the latter, we have no quarrel at all. But with a man who professes to choose Masonry and then wants to turn into something else, we want to have nothing to do. 'O Liberty, what crimes are committed in thy name!' 'O Masonry, what objects are being sought to be accomplished under thy name!' High-sounding titles in orders with which you have no legitimate connection, office within and without your body striven for with disgraceful eagerness, and before long, politics, with its hydra-head, that even now is at the bottom of some of the disgraceful acts perpetrated in the body of Masonry will be openly advocated, and the scenes of 'Morgan and his men' will be re-enacted. How would a candidate's petition read for the E. A. Degree with the 'innovations' above suggested made?

I, A B, influenced by the desire to make all I can and keep all I get, do voluntarily present myself a candidate for membership among you; and if elected, do promise that so long as my dues are not too high, that I am elected to office, that my sick dues are promptly paid, and all the members do whatever they can for me in a pecuniary way, I will obey the by-laws, pay my assessments, and collect my dues like the rest of you.

How would that answer for one, companions? 'Death before dishonor' should be our motto now as well as in the days of our forefathers. If we cannot transmit our heritage as pure and unsullied as we received it, then let us bury it 'unsung.' 'In days of old,' as quoted by the Grand High Priest, 'in armor bold they fought for love and died,' not for the monthly stipend paid a 'mercenary.'"

Our proceedings for 1889 are favorably noticed.

M. E. Comp. Rufus Price, (San Augustine,) G.H.P.

R. E. Comp. Robert Brewster, (Houston,) G.S.

VERMONT.

Seventy-second convocation, Burlington, June 14, 1889.

M. E. Comp. Marsh O. Perkins, G.H.P.

The year has been uneventful and prosperity prevails. A number of special dispensations were granted upon sufficient

cause shown. The selection and registration of marks has become nearly obsolete in this jurisdiction, and Comp. Perkins condemns the Grand Chapter for its indifference to this "one of the most solemn requirements of the Order."

The Grand Chapter took prompt action on this matter and passed the following good resolutions :

"1st. That every Chapter be and is hereby required to procure and keep with its records a book of marks.

2nd. That hereafter no candidate shall be exalted within this jurisdiction until he shall have selected and caused to be recorded a mark.

3rd. That High Priests are hereby directed to require all members of their respective Chapters, who have not previously done so, to select and record their marks, and that report of all Companions in this jurisdiction who have neglected or refused to comply with this resolution, be made to the Grand Secretary on or before January 1st, 1890."

Comp. F. S. Fisher has a very complimentary notice of our proceedings of 1888. We sympathize with him in his endeavors to compress his report into the fifty pages to which he is confined. It is almost impossible to do any justice to the subject if we are bound down not to exceed a certain number of pages.

We note that in this happy jurisdiction, very few of the chapters have any dues and the Grand Chapter pays neither mileage nor per diem.

M. E. Comp. Edwin O. Hibbard, (West Randolph,) G.H.P.

R. E. Comp. Warren G. Reynolds, (Burlington,) G.S.

VIRGINIA.

Eighty-second convocation, Roanoke, Sept. 4, 1889.

M. E. Comp. W. H. Pleasants, G.H.P.

His official duties were not numerous. Their membership is not large and contentment prevails. Three new chapters were formed.

The following resolutions were adopted :

" 'No Chapter shall confer the degrees of a Royal Arch Chapter on any Mason who resides more contiguous to another Chapter without its written consent. In a city or town where there are two or more chartered Chapters, they shall have concurrent jurisdiction, and an applicant for affiliation or initiation to either Chapter shall be immediately communicated to all the Chapters having concurrent jurisdiction.' "

“ ‘ No Chapter under this Grand Jurisdiction shall exalt a Mason who is a resident of any other State or Territory in which there is a Grand Chapter ; but any Chapter in an adjoining State, working under a charter in correspondence with this Grand Chapter may entertain the application of a Mason of this State residing nearer, by an air-line, to such Chapter than any Chapter in this State, and confer the degrees upon such applicant and admit him to membership, as if such Chapter was duly chartered by this Grand Chapter : *Provided*, That its own Grand Chapter concedes the same privilege, under like circumstances, to Chapters in Virginia ; and, *provided further*, that this Grand Chapter reserves the right to repeal this enactment at its pleasure.’ ”

M, E. Comp. John T. Parham, (Petersburg,) G.H.P.

R. E. Comp. Wm. B. Isaacs, (Richmond,) G.S.

WASHINGTON.

Fifth convocation, Olympia, June 14, 1889.

M. E. Comp. William A. Fairweather, G.H.P.

On the condition of the craft, Comp. Fairweather makes the following points, with the additional information that one new Chapter was organized at Whatcom :

“ The past year has been one of unusual activity throughout the territory. Rapid strides have been made in everything calculated to upbuild the country. Increase of population, advance in wealth, and, in fact, in every department, wonderful improvements are noticeable. With this progress the Craft has kept pace. An unusual amount of work has been accomplished, as will appear by the reports made to the Grand Secretary. I take this occasion to urge upon the membership everywhere the imperative necessity for, and their binding obligation to frown down in no unmistakable manner every attempt to foist upon their Chapters the petty quarrels, and oft times childish squabbles, of companions, who for the time being forget the solemn, sacred and salutary lessons taught in our assemblages. Such ought among companions to be of easy solution, and when the judgment is not kept in abeyance by the overmastering power of prejudice and passion, will die a sudden death.”

The principle business was the discussion of majority and minority reports from the Committee on Jurisprudence on a motion to adopt the ritual of the General Grand Chapter. The minority report shows that the General Grand Chapter has no ritual, but only controls the essentials, which are alike in all States and this report was adopted by 36 to 10.

The Report on Correspondence is by Comp. Thos. Milburne Reed, who was elevated from the position of Grand Secretary to that of Grand High Priest. We congratulate him on his election, and we also congratulate the Companions of Washington on securing him for their presiding officer.

On the prerogatives of the Grand Master, he says :

“ Every principal vital to the existence of Freemasonry and in harmony with its grand purpose must be protected and conserved. This cannot be successfully done by any system that recognizes as paramount the whimsical *ipse dixit* or ‘inherent prerogative’ of the Grand Master, Its safety is in constitutional regulations in harmony with the modern organism of the Order, and in that alone. Some of our prerogative advocates, not fortified with any more convincing arguments, after citing various precedents in the exercise of the so called ‘inherent powers’ of the Grand Master in ‘making Masons at sight,’ etc., coolly charge, by innuendo at least, a lack of ability to comprehend, or ignorance of the subject, because of failure to investigate it, on the part of those who differ with them. This is weak and puerile.”

Canada for 1888 is freely quoted from.

M. E. Comp. Thos. M. Reed, (Seattle,) G.H.P.

R. E. Comp. Yancey C. Blalock, (Walla Walla,) G.S.

WISCONSIN.

Fortieth convocation, Milwaukee, Feb. 18, 1890.

M. E. Comp. Duncan McGregor, G.H.P.

The words of wisdom of the Grand High Priest are worthy of being embalmed in letters of gold :

“ One of the things that Chapters need to guard against is putting undue importance upon numbers. A Chapter with a moderate or even small membership, composed of active, not nominal, members, is a more prosperous and profitable Chapter than one with large membership, but composed largely of Companions who contribute nothing but the annual dues to the upbuilding of Masonry. Not worldly wealth promotes Masonry any more than it should commend its possessor to be made a Mason. Masonry is of the head and the heart, not of the purse. Intelligence, guided by good motives, will not only make a man a good Mason, but it is also his means of dispensing true Masonic light and knowledge to others. Companions who are destitute of the qualifications of intelligence and proper motives are seldom found in any of the Chapter Convocations, and would be of no use to themselves or to others if found there. Such count on the rolls, but count for nothing in Masonry. A few positively good men are worth infinitely more to the fraternity or the community than many men not positively good. The small Chapter is not of necessity less prosperous than the large one. If the Chapter remains small through the careful guarding of its entrance, it is eminently prosperous ; if it becomes large through careless guarding, it cannot be properly considered prosperous. Membership in a Masonic body is held in such high esteem that every precaution should be taken to exclude the unworthy. What is held in esteem, the unworthy will endeavor to secure as well as the worthy. In the sense alluded to I believe our Chapters are fairly prosperous. There is evidently a revival going on in the northern portion of this Grand Jurisdiction, and within two months dispensations have been granted for organizing two new Chapters. The location of each of these is so favorable, both as to territory and material,

that there seems no reasonable doubt of their being abundantly able to sustain themselves with marked credit. I am inclined to think that before long other promising localities will petition for similar favors."

The two new Chapters are located at Antigo and West Superior.

Substitutes are allowed in this jurisdiction in conferring the Royal Arch degree.

The Committee on Jurisprudence decided that copies of a lost dimit might be issued, but proper precautions should be taken to prevent any improper use of the lost document, and they recommended that in any case where a duplicate is requested, the Companion should be required to apply for affiliation to the chapter where he resides, and that the duplicate, upon satisfactory evidence being produced of the loss of the original, should be sent directly to the secretary of that Chapter.

Comp. Wm. C. Swain reports on correspondence. Our proceedings do not appear to have been received.

M. E. Comp. Rock J. Flint, (Menomonie,) G.H.P.

R. E. Comp. John W. Laflin, (Milwaukee,) G.S.

CALIFORNIA.

Thirty-sixth convocation, San Francisco, April 15, 1890.

M. E. Comp. William Vanderhurst, G.H.P.

Their condition is most encouraging. Among the representatives appointed, we notice the name of R. E. Comp. Samuel Wesley, for Canada, to succeed M. E. Comp. Henry Macpherson, deceased.

The surplus funds of the Grand Chapter are to be invested in stock of the Masonic Temple Association.

The following resolution was adopted .

" *Resolved* That the Grand Lecturer of this Grand Chapter be, and is hereby authorized and directed, to give, upon application of the High Priest of any Chapter in this jurisdiction, one copy of the Ritual of this Grand Chapter for the use of said Chapter.

That the High Priest obtaining such Ritual from the Grand Lecturer shall receipt to the Grand Lecturer therefor ; and at the expiration of his term of office, said High Priest shall transmit the said copy of the Ritual

to his successor in office, take the receipt of said successor, and file the same in the office of the Grand Lecturer."

The Grand Secretary reports on correspondence and he gives our Proceedings of 1889 a very good notice. In his review of Indiana, we find the following remarks on the subject of suspension for non-payment of dues :

"No brother or companion who is *really unable* to pay his dues should be suspended for such inability, and never in all our experience have we known an instance of the kind where the fact was known. When a man takes upon himself the obligation of Masonry, he understands perfectly the financial responsibilities he is called upon to assume. A Lodge or Chapter cannot be sustained without money, and every member in signing the By-Laws pledges himself to contribute his quota. If, subsequently, while able, he is simply disinclined to fulfil his pledge, but chooses rather to place his burden upon the shoulders of his more faithful brethren, he is no Mason at heart, and should be compelled to comply with his obligations, or retire from a companionship he disgraces. If a brother or a companion, through reverses of fortune, sickness, or other circumstances beyond his control, becomes unable to fulfil his promises and do his duty to the Craft, he then becomes a proper object of that charity which is *greatest of all*, and no *true Mason* would consent to the suspension of a brother or companion thus circumstanced. We cannot therefore see wherein the 'present system of dues and penalties for the non-payment of the same is oppressive' or unjust. When some system is devised whereby Lodges or Chapters can be conducted without the aid of money, then, and not till then, will the author of such a system 'be entitled to the everlasting thanks of all classes of Masons wheresoever dispersed around the globe.' It always stirs up our bile when we find Masons in high places trying to find excuses for those who, having the ability, neglect or refuse to comply with their obligations. In nine cases out of ten it will be found that those who refuse to pay their dues when able to do so, sought connection with Masonry with the hope of securing some personal advantage and being disappointed, grudge the small amount they are called upon to contribute to its support. We thoroughly believe in the old adage, "When a bird can sing and won't sing, he should be made to sing." In other words, when a fellow will neither fish nor cut bait, he should go overboard."

M. E. Comp. Franklin H. Day, (San Francisco,) G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. Thomas H. Caswell, (San Francisco,) G. S.

CONNECTICUT.

Ninety-second Convocation, Hartford, May 13th, 1890.

M. E. Comp. John O. Rowland, G. H. P.

The Proceedings are very brief and contain nothing calling for special notice. The usual harmony prevails and they have added 176 to their membership. The new Grand Chapters of

North Dakota, South Dakota and Indian Territory were recognized. The committees on Jurisprudence, Grievances and Charters had no business before them.

The report on Correspondence is by Comp. John H. Barlow. He reviews our Proceedings of 1889. In his concluding remarks, he says :—

“ Were we to indulge in parting counsel, we would say to the several jurisdictions, keep aloof from all Scottish Rite quarrels, or if any action is taken let it be to pour oil upon the troubled waters. To those in rebellion we would urge to remember that our first duties as Masons are to the lodge and chapter, and the edicts of its Grand Bodies are to be obeyed. Let not our zeal for a *foreign rite* interfere with our duties and obligations as Masons. We offer these few friendly suggestions from the standpoint of a York Mason (not being a member of either of the conflicting bodies) and do not believe the trouble will ever be settled by calling each other hard names.”

M. E. Comp. Gilbert L. Hewitt, (Norwich,) G.H.P.

R. E. Comp. Joseph K. Wheeler, (Hartford,) G.S.

NEW JERSEY.

Thirty-fourth Convocation, Trenton, May 14th, 1890.

M. E. Comp. Nathan V. Compton, G.H.P.

The Grand High Priest thinks that too little attention is paid to attaining proficiency in the capitular degrees prior to the advancement and that a series of lectures should be prepared to be memorized by the candidates.

A special committee was appointed to formulate such lectures and report at next meeting.

The Constitution was amended so as to read as follows :—

“ To constitute eligibility to office in the Grand Chapter (Grand Chaplains, Grand Organist and Grand Tyler excepted), a companion must be a Past High Priest, a member in good standing of a regular Chapter in this jurisdiction, and a resident of the State.”

Comp. Henry Vehslage presents his usual valuable report on correspondence and he gives our proceedings of 1889 a good notice.

M. E. Comp. William H. Sebring, (Plainfield,) G.H.P.

R. E. Comp. George B. Edwards, (Jersey City,) G.S.

PROCEEDINGS REVIEWED.

Alabama	1889	Michigan	1890
Arkansas	1889	Minnesota	1889
Colorado	1889	Missouri	1889
California	1889	Nevada	1889
Connecticut	1890	New Hampshire	1889
Dakota	1889	New Jersey	1890
Delaware	1890	New York	1890
Dist. Columbia	1889	North Carolina	1889
Florida	1890	North Dakota	1889
Illinois	1889	Nova Scotia	1889
Indiana	1889	Oregon	1889
Iowa	1889	Quebec	1890
Ireland	1890	Rhode Island	1889
Kansas	1889-90	South Dakota	1889
Kentucky	1889	Texas	1889
Louisiana	1890	Vermont	1889
Maine	1889	Virginia	1889
Maryland	1889	Washington	1889
Massachusetts	1889	Wisconsin	1890

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Georgia	1889	Ohio	1888-89
Mississippi	1890	Pennsylvania	1889
Nebraska	1889	South Carolina	1890
New Brunswick	1888	Tennessee	1889
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CONCLUSION.

As Royal Arch Masons it is pleasant to contemplate the general prosperity attending the Craft in these "Golden Days" of Freemasonry. There never was a time when so many influential men were connected with the Order and not simply contenting themselves with being members but engaging actively in Craft work.

It should be our duty to see that by no act of ours is the reputation of the Fraternity injured and we should always remember that as we ascend in the mysteries of the Order our obligations are increased and the sphere of our action is enlarged. The attributes of our profession contain principles and virtues which should animate us to rise superior to the sordid selfishness of grovelling mortality and to shake off at once and forever all those vices that degrade, chill and brutalize all the generous aspirations of the heart.

We should cultivate that unbounded *Hospitality* that greets and cheers the way-worn pilgrim with pure *Benevolence*, unsolicited and unbought ; that *Courage* and *Constancy* which tread with untiring step the rugged road of virtue and subdue every obstacle in the path of duty ; that *Humility* and *Patience* which melt away the natural asperities of our imperfect nature and endure without murmuring all the ills that flesh is heir to and that *Truth* which is mighty above all things and which shall flourish in triumph when earthly things are passing away.

To these high and moral feelings we are pledged by sacred obligations to conform our practice among men and our relations with each other, and it is for ourselves to determine the practical exemplifications of the principles we profess. May the good work go on till

“ Peace shall reign,
And love shall fill men’s hearts and lives for evermore.”

All which is fraternally submitted,

HENRY ROBERTSON,
Chairman.

Collingwood, Ontario, Canada,
June 9th, 1890.

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